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# Santos resigns from OAG

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Rosemond Blanco Santos stepped down Friday as chief prosecutor of the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Santos

Sources in the legal community disclosed that some staff at the OAG's Criminal Division saw Santos clearing out her desk on Friday afternoon.

Sources said Santos tendered her resignation after an argument with Attorney Gen-

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**With flame trees in full bloom in the background, a horse feeds on parched grass near the Kan Pacific swimming pool in Marpi. Saipan's tropical allure is one of its best features that attract tourism, which saw a 12-percent increase in May due to strong growth from South Korea and China, latest data from the Marianas Visitors Authority shows.**

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## » Lawmaker urges immediate distribution of rebates

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos reiterated on Friday that the tax rebate trust account remains intact for the release of rebate checks in July, despite a shortage of funds for payroll as well as for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

At the same time, Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) introduced on Friday a resolution urging the governor to immediately process and distribute rebate and refund checks to taxpayers. The rebate trust account has $7 million

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# House OKs $4M MPLT loan to govt for payroll and CUC

## » Inos: $2M more paid to CUC from CDA, DPL monies

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Marianas Public Land Trust has agreed to lend $4 million to the central government to help pay for employees' salaries and pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., but asked that the loan be done through legislation.

After a meeting with Inos on Friday afternoon, the House passed Rep. Ray N. Yumul's (R-Saipan) 17-78, HD1, authorizing the $4 million MPLT loan to the central government.

The Senate is expected to act on the bill during its Wednesday session.

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## Inos signs 3 public laws, 2 local laws in 1 day

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**RECORD BOOK**
**Public laws, local laws signed so far during 17th Legislature:**

**Gov. Benigno R. Fitial:**
- Public Laws 17-1, 17-2
- Rota Local Laws 17-2, 17-3
- Tinian Local Law 17-1

**Lt. Gov./Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos:**
- Public Laws 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6
- Rota Local Laws 17-1, 17-4, 17-5
- Saipan Local Laws 17-1, 17-2

In a single day last week, acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed three public laws, as well as two local laws.

This brings to four the number of public laws that Inos, as acting governor, has so far signed since the 17th Legislature took office in January. He has also so far signed five local laws.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, meanwhile, has so far signed two public laws and three local laws in the 17th Legislature.

On Thursday, Inos signed House Bill 17-19, House Draft 1 or the Natural Disaster Village Homestead Waiver Act of 2010, into Public Law 17-4.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), requires the Department of Public Lands to waive the requirement or policy of rebuilding a second residential dwelling when it has been determined that the homesteaders initially built a residential dwelling that was destroyed or severely damaged by typhoon, tsunami or other natural or man-made disaster.

Inos also signed on Thursday Rep. Sylvester Iguel's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 17-29 into Public Law 17-5.

The bill requires DPL to fund an independent study to conduct an environmental sampling of and consultation in areas within the CNMI that are possibly contaminated with chemicals of concern.

The most famous of the bills he signed into law on Thursday was Rep. Ray N. Yumul's (R-Saipan) House Bill 17-15, HD1, SS1, which became Public Law 17-6.

This bill gives the governor authority to reprogram up to $10 million for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 for government payrolls.

Inos also signed two local laws on Thursday, including

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## Palacios and Lee named Saipan Southern High's top graduates

**ALBERT T. PALACIOS**
*Board of Education Award*

**BO MI LEE**
*Commissioner of Education Award*

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Seventeen-year-old Albert T. Palacios and Bo Mi Lee, 19, emerged top honors in the 8th annual commencement ceremony of Saipan Southern High School on Friday.

Palacios, son of Katherine and Albert Palacios, was hailed as the class' Board of Education awardee. He will pursue college at the Boise State University where he plans to major in international business.

Palacios was part of the school's Manta Ray Band that recently brought pride to the Commonwealth by performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City and winning second place in the New York International Music Competition. He described his high school life as "a great experience" and a source of inspiration.

Bo Mi Lee was named second top graduate and recipient of the Commissioner of Education award. She is the daughter of Hee Kyung Lim and Sung Man Lee and will pursue a degree in mass communications in South Korea. Having lived on island for six years, Lee considers Saipan her second home.

Palacios and Lee led this year's 115 graduates from Saipan Southern High School.

In the same ceremony, acting Gov. Eloy Inos bestowed this year's Governor's Award on Antonette Castro while Saipan Mayor Donald Flores named Trini Macduff the recipient of the Mayor's Award.

SSHS principal Craig Garrison named Genelin Camacho recipient of the Principal's Award for 2010. Camacho was also presented with the OFEGRA Award.

The school selected Nicole Tesiro for its Parents-Teacher-Association Council Award.

Graduates on the Top Ten list included Albert Palacios, Bo Mi Lee, Genelin Camacho, Trini Macduff, Nicole Tesiro, Scott Cabrera, Mike Dominic Cruz, Il Ho Kim, Michelle Jenevy Fujihira, and Antonette Castro.

This year's commencement ceremony was keynoted by Francisca Bondoc and was graced by hundreds of families, guests, and spectators.

Those who also delivered inspirational messages included Board of Education chair Lucia Blanco-Maratita, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, and principal Garrison.

# Despite $20,000 cash reward, still no info on missing Li

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Today marks the second week of the mysterious disappearance of disco club manager Qi Run Li, but investigators still have no leads despite a $20,000 cash reward put up by the victim's family to anyone who can provide information that would lead to his whereabouts.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David said yesterday that detectives still have no idea where Li is.

David said the NMI Crime Stoppers Program, which has put up to $1,000 cash reward, has not received any tips about Li's disappearance.

David said investigators are hoping the club manager is still alive.

Rumors spreading in the Chinese community alleged that the cash reward put up by Li's family has been raised to $100,000 by some businesses but, when *Saipan Tribune* called the number listed on the missing person flyer yesterday, a man who identified himself as Li's friend clarified that the reward is still $20,000 cash.

"We still don't have any information. We're still waiting for anybody to call. But nobody is calling," the man said. He refused to comment further.

Police said Li's brother and sister, who are on Saipan, are also offering a cash reward for information.

Li is the manager of King's Disco, which opened only last month. The nightclub is located on the second of a three-story commercial building along Beach Road, Garapan.

Li was last seen driving a silver 2004 Toyota Corolla with license plate ADJ-932 in the evening of June 7 toward the vicinity of Gold's Gym in China Town. Li's disappearance was reported to DPS the following morning.

Police learned that on June 7, at 7:30pm, Li received a call on his cell phone from a customer who asked to be dropped off at Gold's Gym. Li proceeded to Gold's Gym, but he was never seen again. Police found Li's car on June 8, abandoned in the parking lot of a building formerly occupied by Shirley's Restaurant along Middle Road in Chalan Laulau.

# OAG questions $39,375 in attorney's fees sought in Peter-Palican lawsuit

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The Office of the Attorney General has opposed the request for $39,375 in attorney's fees filed by the lawyer of Emerenciana Peter-Palican, who successfully sued the CNMI government for terminating her in 2006 as special assistant for Women's Affairs.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay said that Peter-Palican's requested attorney's fee for her lawyer, Douglas F. Cushnie, "is unauthorized or unreasonable," both with respect to the hourly rate and the hours expended in connection with this case.

Due to Cushnie's lack of detail in his billing, Lochabay said it is impossible for the government or the court to determine how much time was used in research, legal drafting, and other work related to the failed claims.

Lochabay said a 50 percent across-the-board cut on remaining hours would be a satisfactory extimate of the hours used on the failed claims versus successful claims and result.

Cushnie had asked the federal court to order the CNMI government pay him $39,375 in attorney's fees and $350 in court costs.

In March, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John C. Coughenour ordered the CNMI government to pay Peter-Palican $216,049.88 in back wages and benefits.

Coughenour also ordered the CNMI government and Gov. Benigno Fitial to reappoint Peter-Palican within 30 days to a government position that has a salary similar to or greater than what she used to have.

The government and Fitial opposed the attorney's fees, but do not contest the amount of court costs.

Cushnie asserts that his billing rate is $250 an hour but Lochabay said this is wholly unreasonable and must be rejected.

"Because plaintiff failed to produce sufficient evidence establishing a reasonable rate, the court should not award any fees at all," he said.

Alternatively, Lochabay said, if the court will still award fees, the rate, at a maximum, should be $200 per hour.

He noted that another significant problem with Peter-Palican's billing records is block billing.

Lochabay said a "fee award may be reduced when block billing—the lumping together of multiple tasks in a single time entry—makes it impossible to determine the reasonableness of the time spent on each task."

Lochabay said that Cushnie entered multiple tasks into several large time entries.

# Judge says no release for Fitial without court order

The detention guard who allegedly used his position to force a female ward at the Kagman Juvenile Detention to engage in sex acts won't be released from jail without a court order.

In a written order of detention, visiting U.S. District Court for the NMI Judge Consuelo B. Marshall said that Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial will only be released from detention if the court issues such an order.

Marshall gave the order at the request of assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Maley, who cited a past experience when the Department of Corrections released a defendant without a court order.

The judge said the court finds that no condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably assure the safety of any person or the community if Fitial is released from custody.

"The court also finds that a serious risk exists that the defendant will attempt to threaten, injure or intimidate a witness or witnesses," she said.

Marshall said her findings are based on the testimony of Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park concerning the alleged danger to certain persons and the community.

The judge imposed no bail for Fitial, but allowed him to file a motion for bail modification no later than June 30, 2010.

The 24-year-old Fitial appeared with his court-appointed counsel Loren Sutton in federal court on Wednesday. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

FBI agents arrested Fitial after an indictment was filed against him in federal court charging him with one count of deprivation of rights under color of law.

The indictment alleged that around October 2009 through February 2010, Fitial coerced the female minor to engage in sex acts while the minor was a ward at the Kagman Detention and Correctional Facility. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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# 15 NMI students join international thespian festival

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A total of 15 elementary, junior high, and high school students left Saipan Saturday to participate in the 2010 Thespian Festival from June 21 to 26 at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association, the Thespian Festival is an annual event that features theater productions from various schools across the United States and abroad.

Participants will have the chance to socialize with actors from other schools, experience college life in a real campus, and take part in the workshops conducted by theater professionals all throughout the festival.

Jane Mack, board member of the Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands, said student participants from the CNMI are in for a week of intense theater.

According to Mack, each of the students will perform their individual events in a competition tomorrow. The individual events are classified into two: the performance categories and the technical theater categories. Performance categories include monologue, duet acting, mime, and solo musical theater. Costume design, scenic design, and film are under the technical theater categories.

The 15 students will also take part in their chapter select showcase play, *Pullman Car Hiawatha* by Morton Wilder, on Saturday.

As part of their preparation and training, the students staged their showcase play and their individual events last Thursday at the American Memorial Park Auditorium for free.

Aside from stage productions and workshops, festival participants will have the opportunity to meet with college and university representatives and audition for scholarships.

"That's really important for our students here because we're so far away, we don't get a chance to audition," Mack said.

Mack added that only the seniors will audition for scholarships while the junior students who fall under the technical theater categories will have separate auditions with college representatives.

The participants to the 2010 Thespian Festival are Christine Aninzo, Maria Christine Castro, Amy Liu, Annabel Manzo, and Jackilyn Rafols of San Antonio Elementary School; Jennella Christine Nelmida of Hopwood Junior High School; Miki Nadia Dela Cruz of Kagman High School; Ann Mariel Flores of Saipan Southern High School; Kevin Jardinero, Wilden Mangahis, Adeleyah Charlotte Chutaro Mojica, Matthew Wheat, Dowen Jocson, Rochelle Dimapilis, and Rozette Bunao of Marianas High School.

Mack said the students were accompanied by their coaches Sybila Leon Guerrero of San Antonio Elementary School; Kathy Borja of Hopwood Junior High School; Alison Walker of Saipan Southern High School; Jonel Alepuyo of Marianas High School; and head coach Wesley Foster.

Dowen Jocson, a junior at MHS, told *Saipan Tribune* after Thursday's performance that she is "nervous and excited" since it's her first time to join the festival.

Jocson said she used to be involved with only the technical side of plays. She started acting when she substituted for someone who quit a play from way back. "Since then, I've started to love theater," Jocson said.

Christine Aninzo, a 6th Grade at San Antonio Elementary School, disclosed that her training for the mime competition was a bit of a struggle. "In my competitions for mime, I have to have the actions ready and the music, so it was kind of like a challenge for me."

Aninzo, who will be joining the festival for the first time, believes that with the help of her coaches, she will do well in the festival.

According to Mack, the festival only recognizes the first place for each category in the individual events. However, names of those who get superior overall ratings will make it in the program.

In the past, there were several students from the CNMI who were given superior ratings.

Mack said they expect the same from this group. "We always expect our students to do well. They're going to give their best performances."

## NMC Summer 2010 registration ongoing

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's Summer 2010 semester will be ongoing to July 2 for Summer Session II.

The college offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resource management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

New students are required to take an English and Math placement test before they register. The schedule of the English and Math placement tests and the Summer 2010 class schedule can be found online at www.nmcnet.edu.

The Summer 2010 semester is divided into four sessions: Regular Summer Session (nine-week courses), Extended Summer Session (12-week courses), Summer Session I (six-week courses) and Summer Session II (six-week courses starting July 6).

Those who have not applied for admission can still do so by visiting the college's Office of Admissions and Records (OAR) and picking up an application form. Application forms can also be downloaded from the NMC Web site.

Application for admissions will be accepted until the last day of Registration provided that both placement tests have been taken.

- June 4-July 2: Registration for Summer Session II, 9am to 5pm
- July 6: First Day of Instruction for Summer Session II
- July 6-July 8: Add-Drop Course(s) Days for Summer Session II

For more information regarding admissions or registration, contact OAR at 234-5498 Ext. 1537 or e-mail oar@nmcnet.edu, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

## HOUSE

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MPLT agreed to extend the loan after Inos asked both MPLT and the Commonwealth Development Authority on Thursday to provide $4 million each to the central government for payroll and CUC payments.

The bill amends Public Law 16-7, the same law that extended a $3.4 million loan to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in 2008 to put a stop to the rolling blackouts.

Yumul's bill earmarks future MPLT general fund distributions amounting to $4 million to include the anticipated constitutionally mandated distributions for future fiscal years until the $4 million debt plus accrued interest is paid in full.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the distribution of paychecks to most government officials and employees is still expected on Tuesday or Wednesday, even though the MPLT loan bill has yet to be passed by the Senate.

Demapan said CDA also "expressed a willingness to assist the central government by way of reprogramming."

"They left the meeting on Friday at the governor's office and were set to meet at their office to identify the amount of funds available for immediate transfer," he said.

Insufficient funds caused the delay in government payroll for the first time in CNMI's history, officials said. The payday was supposed to be on June 18.

On Thursday, the House and Senate passed in back-to-back emergency sessions a bill giving the governor authority to reprogram up to $10 million in Fiscal Year 2010 for payroll.

Due to the tedious process of identifying and remitting reprogrammed money, the administration said it may take up to Tuesday or Wednesday to have the money for payroll.

However, close to 1,000 doctors, nurses, police officers, fire fighters and corrections officers were able to get their paychecks on time on Friday because the administration was able to collect some $1.5 million for them.

On Friday morning, Inos met with MPLT and CDA officials, and then with lawmakers on Friday afternoon.

### $2 million more to CUC

At the same time, the central government paid CUC some $2 million more on Friday so CUC could immediately buy fuel for its power plants.

With the latest payment, the central government is now current in its CUC payments, but another $1 million in utility billings will be due by the end of this month.

Inos said CDA gave $1 million to the central government on Thursday, and this was paid to CUC the following day.

He said the other $1 million came from the $2.5 million that the Department of Public Lands earlier remitted to the central government.

"It's not a matter of need at this point, but how much do we still owe [CUC]. We're close to being current now [in our payments]. But we've got another bill coming up," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview.

He said CUC assured the government that there will be no rolling blackouts as there is now money to buy power plant fuel.

## REBATE

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to $8 million.

"With the continued economic decline in the Commonwealth, the increased cost of living, and the delayed distribution of government payroll, it is necessary to distribute the rebate and refund checks to alleviate the financial hardships our taxpayers are coping with in these dire times," Dela Cruz said in his House Resolution 17-14.

Thirteen other House members cosponsored Dela Cruz's resolution.

The House, however, did not act on the resolution during Friday's session because the bill was introduced on the same day and did not meet the 72-hour public notice requirement of the Open Government Act.

Dela Cruz, in a phone interview yesterday, said the administration need not wait for July to distribute the rebate and refund checks.

Inos, in an interview on Friday, said there have been individuals who expressed concern about the possibility of the government "invading" the rebate trust account given the shortage of cash to pay government employees' salaries.

"The release of rebate checks is a promise that Governor Fitial and I made all throughout this effort so the funds remain intact. It's a work in progress. As far as returns are concerned, we are still looking at July as a target. Once we're down to the end of the road, then we will issue the checks as they come in," he said.

It was the second time last week that Inos reassured the public that the central government won't dip into the rebate trust account to pay for the fuel purchases of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and to pay for government employees' wages.

In Dela Cruz's resolution, he recommends dedicating additional government employees to expeditiously process the rebate and refund checks, due to the necessity of releasing the rebate and refund checks immediately.

## SANTOS

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eral Edward Buckingham for unknown reasons.

Buckingham confirmed the resignation yesterday.

"Yes, it is true that Rosemond Santos has tendered a letter of resignation to the Office of the Attorney General and the Commonwealth," said Buckingham in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune.*

He thanked Santos for her services to the OAG and the Commonwealth.

"She has served as a line prosecutor, as a legislator including service as the chair of the Judiciary Committee and as chief prosecutor. I wish her well in her future endeavors," said Buckingham, who is currently in Guam to attend today's investiture of Guam Attorney General Alicia Limtiaco as the new U.S. Attorney for Guam and the CNMI.

As for the specifics of the resignation, Buckingham said he will not comment on a personnel matter, consistent with standard practice.

Buckingham said he would be announcing the designation of a replacement next week.

*Saipan Tribune* tried but failed to contact Santos.

"She actually quit because AG Buckingham stood his ground and didn't give in to her," one source said.

The source said Buckingham may tap assistant attorney general Mike Ernest to serve as acting chief prosecutor.

Many OAG staff said that Ernest "is a good choice."

Buckingham appointed Santos as chief prosecutor in January 2010.

Since Santos' appointment, five prosecutors at the Criminal Division have left: George Hasselback, Katie Busenkell, Mike Evangelista, and Joseph Przyuski.

Santos sought re-election for Saipan's Precinct 5 under the Republican Party in the Nov. 7 election, but she placed fifth among eight candidates. Frederick Peters Deleon Guerrero (Independent) and Ramon Sablan Basa (Covenant) won the two available seats.

Santos served as assistant attorney general for three years and a half before being elected to the 16th House.

At present the Criminal Division has assistant attorneys general Brian Gallagher, William Downer, and new recruit, Shelli Neal. Assistant attorneys general Ernest and Eli Golob also help at the Criminal Division.

## LAWS

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House Local Bill 17-2, D2, which became Saipan Local Law 17-2.

HLB 17-2, introduced by Rep. Ray A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and Rep. Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), amends the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008 to rezone four areas to village commercial areas.

Inos also signed House Local Bill 17-12, D1, introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), into Rota Local Law 17-5. (See full story)

The bill re-appropriates $34,000 for three different Rota programs and activities, including the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation, the Rota Little League Association, and the Rota Department of Public Safety.

# Delegates start arriving for 13th Micronesian chiefs' summit

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Officials from different parts of the region have started arriving on Saipan for the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit to discuss common issues of concern that include healthcare, recycling, regional tourism, military buildup, airport improvements, and renewable energy.

The June 23 to 25 summit will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

The three-day summit brings together three presidents and six governors in the Micronesian region.

They include Palau President Johnson Toribiong, Marshall Islands President Jurelang Zedkaia, Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori, CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, Pohnpei Gov. John Ehsa, Kosrae Gov. Robert Weilbacher, Chuuk Gov. Wesley Simina, and Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the summit expects some 100 participants.

Registration is still open, and thus far, event organizers have received 70 registrations from throughout the region and the United States.

"We are also expecting a delegation from Japan. However, we are awaiting confirmation as to the number of participants they will be sending," Demapan said in an e-mail response to *Saipan Tribune* questions.

There will be pre-summit committee meetings today and tomorrow.

Among the first ones to arrive is Kosrae Lt. Gov. Tosie Williams, who got in on Saturday night, and others are expected to arrive today and tomorrow. Most of the executives are set to arrive on Tuesday.

Fitial named Special Assistant for Administration Esther S. Fleming as chairperson for the summit's Organizational Committee.

The Micronesian Chief Executives Summit aims to consult on issues of mutual concerns, such as challenges involving the regional and international economy, the environment, regional response to the military buildup, U.S. federal policies, and labor and immigration.

The 12th summit was held in Guam on Dec. 3 and 4, 2009, and the 11th summit was held in Majuro in the Marshall Islands in July 2009.

# *CPA approves $20,000 as its share in chief executives' summit dinner*

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority board approved last week the allocation of $20,000 to shoulder a one-night dinner for all participants in the upcoming Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit.

CPA executive director Edward Guerrero said they expect 80 to 100 participants in the event, slated for June 23 through 25 this year.

The ports authority—both airport and seaport—is part of the transportation committee, one of the main organizing committees for the summit.

Although the board approved $20,000 for the event, Guerrero said the actual cost may be lesser. The summit will be held at the Fiesta Resort Spa Saipan.

"The board approved $20,000 to make sure that we can accommodate 80 to 100 participants. The actual cost may be lesser… but we will stay within what the board approved for the event," Guerrero said.

Funding will be sourced from the agency's budget this fiscal year.

Guerrero said other agencies and departments will also put in their share for the three-day event.

The 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit was initially set for June 16 to 18 but was rescheduled for this week.

The event will bring together once again the presidents of Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as the governors of the CNMI, Guam, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, to discuss common issues of concerns in the region.

The summit resulted in the adoption of regional programs of action in the areas of solid waste management, conservation through the Micronesia Challenge and related environmental programs, renewable energy, invasive species, health, transportation, workforce investment, and tourism.

Special Assistant for Administration Esther S. Fleming chairs the organizational committee, which is working with the chiefs of staff for each of the Micronesian heads of state to ensure that each jurisdiction's concerns will be addressed at the summit.

# Rotary calls for DVD donations for veterans

For U.S. veterans recovering from the trauma of war, watching a favorite movie is one way to help with the rehabilitation process, says a non-profit online group called DVDs4Vets.org.

The Rotary Club of Saipan, through member Mike Tripp, heard about this growing program and has decided to rally the community in donating new or used DVDs to U.S. veterans.

Those wishing to donate new or used DVDs from June 21, 2010 to June 28, 2010 could stop by the Hyatt Regency Saipan's front desk, Megabyte Saipan, Ernest & Young's Oleai Center and Joeten Susupe Center.

If you don't have any DVDs to donate, you could donate $5 at any of these locations that will go to toward the purchase and donation of The Underwater World of Saipan DVD, adding to the over 750 already received from Mike Tripp Productions and members of the Rotary Club of Saipan.

"This is a great way to support a good cause for veterans as well as increase the community's understanding of Rotary as an international organization, while bringing a little positive exposure to the CNMI," said Tripp.

DVDs4Vets.org has already donated over 300,000 DVDs since it started four years ago and continues to gain support from celebrities, individuals and organizations throughout the U.S.

For more information visit their Web site at DVDs4Vets.org. ***(PR)***

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# NMC regents' Hawaii trip costs $32K, paid for by stimulus funds

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The two-day trip of Northern Marianas College officials to Hawaii cost $32,000 and was paid for using a portion of the professional development funds under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund that the college received last year.

A total of 10 delegates—seven Board of Regents members, interim president Lorraine Cabrera, and two board staffers—were in Honolulu last week for the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council conference. The members also conducted a "retreat" and "self-evaluation."

Taotao Tano CNMI Inc. president Gregorio Cruz on Wednesday questioned the board's travel, labeling the event as a "vacation" for the group. He said NMC students have the right to know where the funding came from and demanded justification for the travel.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the NMC Board of Regents join other board members and staff from other Pacific colleges in a boardsmanship training to discuss accreditation standards, board ethics, self-evaluation, and other topics.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, the college said the boardsmanship training was designed to enhance the board members' knowledge and understanding of trustees' roles in leading colleges and in formulating policies that strengthen college operations in support of their mission.

According to Janet King, chairperson of the NMC Board of Regents, "The board members' participation in the training provided by PPEC ensures that the college continues to meet accreditation standards."

She cited the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Standard IV.B.1.f, which states that "the governing board has a program for board development."

"The participation of all the regents in this important training activity underscores their commitment to continually enhancing and developing their effectiveness as board members," said King.

Among the topics discussed at the boardsmanship training included "how does the board monitor its own performance?"; "what does accreditation require of a trustee?"; "current issues in higher education law"; and "evaluating institutional effectiveness and program review."

Other regents and trustees from other colleges also participated in the training, including delegations from the American Samoa Community College, the College of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia, Guam Community College, and Palau Community College.

While in Honolulu, board members are also maximizing their time by meeting after the training to discuss the results of their self-assessment, according to the NMC statement. This activity also helps meet accreditation standards, which call for governing boards to have self evaluation processes for assessing board performance.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the self-assessment discussion was facilitated by Larry Gamboa, the project director for PPEC.

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**AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOT FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-011-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting Design & Build (D&B) Construction bids from qualified and experienced contractors of simulator aircraft fire training facilities and associated support infrastructure, for the refurbishment of the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Hot Fire Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All parties bidding for the D&B Project shall have wide experience in the design, manufacturing, and installation and commissioning of all facets of specialist fixed-based Simulated Aircraft Fire Training facilities and the fuel and control systems associated with those facilities. Support facilities consisting of access pavements, water supply and waste treatment, specialist burn building for structural fires, control building structure, full related amenities, and storage facilities will form part of the total bid package. The Contractor shall comply with all CNMI building, environmental and other appropriate compliance regulations impacting on the development and execution of the project.

This Refurbishment Project is a fast track project for which the bidders will have only one (1) calendar month to acquire the bid documents, prepare and submit bids. There will be no extensions of time for the submission of bids under any circumstances.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on or before **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 14, 2010**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted directly to Mr. Bill Andrew of AECOM via email address: Bill.Andrew@aecom.com. Questions should be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

A CD-Rom containing the bid package and contract documents may be obtained on Monday , June 28, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00)** for each CD-Rom. This payment is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by company check, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Full details of the bidding requirements will be set out in the bid documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a CPA approved surety or a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). The successful contractor will also be required to provide performance and payment bonds in accordance with the bid package and contract documents.

The contract period for construction in its entirety shall be **Twenty-Four (24) months, (730) calendar days**. Liquidated damages of $2,500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-27 of the bid package.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid package, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the bid package which is available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid package documents.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

**EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO**
**Executive Director**

Date: June 11, 2010

# New management revamps Taste of India menu

BETH DEL ROSARIO

Dr. Vincent Panikulangara, the new owner of the Taste of India, joins his staff in welcoming guests to the iconic restaurant.

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WHAT'S COOKING?

Think of India and one conjures images of a remarkably rich and fascinating heritage: Bollywood with its vibrant hues and festive vibes, the architectural brilliance and amorous tale of the Taj Mahal, or its ethnically diverse population of 1.18 billion people.

The varied cultural background of the second most populous country in the world is the reason why there is no such thing as Indian food, says Dr. Vincent Panikulangara, new owner of the Taste of India.

Panikulangara explains that there are so many different regions and religions in India that food habits of one community differ from another. "You cannot call everything Indian," he said.

India's population is composed of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and other religious groups such as Buddhists and Sikhs. These religious groups have different ways of preparing food, adds Panikulangara, who is a Catholic.

Panikulangara wanted the public to realize that Indian food is no more than just a concept.

A lawyer by profession, Panikulangara disclosed that he went to Guam with his wife, a university professor, and their daughter, a software engineer, as tourists. They were planning a trip to visit his son, an information technology consultant in Pennsylvania. However, he was persuaded by a nephew in Guam to divert his trip to Saipan.

"I found the place very fascinating. I think it's very spontaneous, very natural way of life here…a fairly slow rhythm of life, a life more in harmony with nature," he shares.

Panikulangara said he fell in love with the island and decided to stay behind. He said he negotiated for the Taste of India restaurant, purchased it and took charge last June 1.

**FOR RESERVATIONS**
■ Taste of India Restaurant: 234-8448

Under its new management, Taste of India will make an effort to serve food from the different regions in India.

According to Panikulangara, not only does food in India fuel the human body but it also serves as alternative medicine for people because of the spices that are used in food preparation, which have medicinal values.

Panikulangara also takes pride in their use of authentic spices from India and that they only use fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits. "We want to [promote] the farmers on the island," he added.

Taste of India offers savory and flavorful cuisines that India is famous for such as Chicken Tandoori, which is chicken marinated in yogurt and a combination of spices called masala, cooked traditionally in a special clay oven called the tandoor; Aviyal, a newly introduced dish in the menu that is made up of a mix of vegetables and ground coconut; Makhni, a chicken dish in a buttery, creamy sauce; Samosa, a classic pastry dish with chutney and vegetable or chicken stuffing; as well as a variety of curry dishes.

Everything on the Taste of India menu are prepared by chefs Sarath Lal and Dinesh Kachappilly who both received training from the renowned Taj Group of Hotels.

With the Grade A rating consistently awarded to the only Indian restaurant on island, Panikulangara said that they will never compromise the quality of their food. "Quality of the food is paramount to our service here," he said.

Spice-averse guests need not worry. Panikulangara guarantees that each dish can be tailored to the customer's tolerance for spice. "You tell your taste, we make your food."

Dine-in patrons can feast their eyes on the Taj Mahal-inspired patterns and take delight in Bollywood or classical Indian music.

The Taste of India Restaurant is located next to iConnect on Middle Road. It serves a delectable lunch buffet for only $9.95 Mondays through Fridays, from 11am to 2pm. A la carte lunch is available on Saturdays. Dinner is served from 5-9pm.

Taste of India Restaurant does parties and functions. For reservations, call 234-8448.

# CUC: No power, water theft cases referred to AG yet

Despite suspicions and allegations of rampant power and water theft, no case has been referred to the Office of the Attorney General yet for prosecution, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae on Friday belied former Water Division deputy director Bruce Megarr's earlier statement that eight serious cases have already been referred to the OAG.

"We have not shared any cases with AG's office yet…but we have met with the commissioner of Public Safety as well as the OAG to inform them of our efforts and to seek their support," Malae told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said that theft of service is a serious problem at CUC and results in power, water, and wastewater rates that are higher than what they should be.

"As the price of oil increases, translating to higher power, water, and wastewater rates, theft tends to increase. We would like to make theft costly to the perpetrator," he said.

CUC said it has been losing a significant volume of water for many years now. It claims that for every 10 gallons of water it produces, only four to five gallons are being billed while the rest are considered a "loss." The "unbilled usage" or stolen water was among the major reason cited for CUC's significant losses, followed by water leaks attributed to old and dilapidated water pipes that were installed since the Japanese times. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

## New law re-appropriates $34K for Rota programs

A total of $34,000 will be re-appropriated to three Rota programs and activities, after acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed a local bill into law on Thursday.

Inos signed House Local Bill 17-12, Draft 1 into Rota Local Law 17-5.

The local bill, introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), re-appropriates $14,000 from Rota Local Law 15-4 to the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation for its operations. The expenditure authority for this funding is the chairman of the Rota Municipal Council.

It also re-appropriates $17,000 from Rota Local Law 15-6 to the Rota Little League Association for its operations. The president of the Rota Little League Association is the expenditure authority for this fund.

Also re-appropriated from RLL 15-6 is $3,000, to go toward payments of I-Connect radio phone payments owed by the Rota Department of Public Safety. The Rota mayor is the expenditure authority for this money. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

## Fund trustees empower administrator

The NMI Retirement Fund administrator was empowered by the board of trustees to handle and decide all disability applications received by the agency from its members.

The board made this decision in its resolution 10-001, adopted during a meeting on May 25.

The Fund receives, processes, and follows up on all applications for disability benefits by its members. Its policy states that all individual application must seek the board of trustees' approval for the administrator to execute.

The resolution was adopted due to a number of pending applications that each requires board approval.

The official was also empowered to continue certifications for disability programs.

Members aggrieved by any adverse administrative decision have a right to appeal to the board.

Mark A. Aguon is the agency's administrator but he will soon be leaving his post. The position will be announced for his replacement. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Hopwood summer school schedule

This year's summer school program at the Hopwood Junior High School will start on June 29, 2010, Tuesday. Classes are from 8am to 12pm. Food will not be provided, so parents are encouraged to provide snacks for their child. Bus services will be made available for qualified students, for the duration of the program. For more information, contact Terry at 237-3421/237-3422. Registration for incoming students to Hopwood Jr. High School will be from June 23 to July 23, from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm at the registrar's office. ***(PR)***

### NMC 2009 Alumni Survey

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all 2009 graduates to participate in an online survey that will be open until June 30, 2010. The survey questions are designed to track and measure graduates' educational pursuits and employment since graduation. The College will be using the collected data to improve its programs in order to better meet the educational and workforce needs of the community. To get access to the survey, contact NMC institutional researcher Lisa Hacskaylo at 234-5498 Ext. 1029 or lisah@nmcnet.edu or NMC Alumni president Jack Kiyoshi at Ext. 1021 or jackk@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

### WCC sets regular meeting in Guam

The Worker's Compensation Commission, Department of Labor, will have its regular meeting on June 30, 2010, at 2pm, on the 3rd floor DOL Conference Room, at the GCIC Building, 414 West Soledad Avenue in Hagatna. Copy of the agenda is available at the WCC upon prior request. For individuals needing special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services, contact JoAnnalynn Fullerton at 475-7033. ***(PR)***

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/s/ **THELMA B. INOS**
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFP: 2010-CDA-10-RFP**
CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"REAL ESTATE BROKER SERVICES"**

Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 1st Floor, Wakin's Bldg., Gualo Rai, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

Preference is available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the proposal if preference is claimed.

**/s/MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

**/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, P&S


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# Weisenberger is named acting Guam AG

Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho on Friday appointed John Weisenberger as Acting Attorney General. Weisenberger will serve the final six months of the four-year term vacated by Alicia Limtiaco who was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as U.S. Attorney for Guam and the CNMI. A new Attorney General of Guam will be elected on Nov. 2, 2010 and sworn into office on Jan. 1, 2011.

"With this appointment I wanted to make sure that the work at this agency continues with someone very familiar with its operations," said Camacho. "John's management experience and legal knowledge will be an asset to the Office of the Attorney General at this most critical time."

Weisenberger has been serving as assistant attorney general in the Civil Division since August 2008. He previously served in the Office of the Attorney General from April 1977 to October 1977 as special assistant attorney general handling juvenile cases and from April 1991 to February 2001 as assistant attorney general in the Family Division. Later that year, Weisenberger was appointed by the Guam Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as the public guardian of Guam.

"I am confident that he will continue the policies of Attorney General Limtiaco for the remainder this year when a new AG is elected by the people of Guahan," said Camacho. "I appreciate John answering the call to serve and look forward to working with him as our island's interim chief legal officer."

Weisenberger is a 1971 Graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and in 1974 graduated with honors from Wayne State University Law. A 34-year member of the Guam Bar Association, Weisenberger has been honored for his civil and government work including the 1998 Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ***(PR)***

# TRiO student to attend HI summer program

Another student from the Northern Marianas College's federal TRiO programs has been selected to attend a six-week summer educational program at Leeward Community College in Honolulu. The summer program is aimed at further preparing students looking to pursue degrees that require heavy coursework in science and math.

Sablan

Marianas High School senior-to-be Brittany Sablan, a student in the Educational Talent Search, left Saipan for Honolulu on June 9, 2010. Upon learning of her acceptance to the program, Sablan, who plans to pursue careers in nursing, pediatrics, or technical software design, was both nervous and excited.

"This opportunity to participate in the Leeward Community College's TRIO Upward Bound Summer Program will give me so much more personal and academic experience as a young adult getting ready to be a college student," said Sablan.

At the summer residential, pre-college program, Sablan will be engaged in courses on not only math and science, but also on English, literature, composition, Japanese, Hawaiian, marine biology, and physics and college/career guidance, designed according to specific grade levels.

"We are very proud of Brittany, and we are also excited for her as she spends her summer enhancing her skills in math and science," said ETS adviser Joan Dubrall.

Sablan has been with the ETS program for nearly a year. She is an active participant in many her high school's clubs, such as the Video Productions Club, Outrigger Canoe Club, and the Prom Committee. She has also competed in and won awards from the National Forensics League and Math Court competitions.

In an earlier release disseminated by the college, a student from NMC's Upward Bound program left Saipan to attend a similar summer program, also at Leeward Community College in Honolulu.

The federally-funded ETS program is tasked with assisting students complete high school and prepare for success in college. ***(NMC)***

PAWS CORNER

# Do you recognize me?

A dog was found in the Papago area on June 17, 2010. PAWS is attempting to find the dog his original home, a foster home, or a new permanent home.

He is described as an unneutered male boonie dog with black and tan markings that is thought to be about 5-7 years old. He is has short ears and a friendly personality.

If you or someone you know is missing a dog that fits this description, please call PAWS at 285-PAWS or Paradise Island Animal Hospital at 234-9669. ***(PAWS)***

# Palau ends support for Japan's scientific whaling

**KOROR, Palau** (AP)—The South Pacific island state of Palau is ending its support for Japan's scientific whaling program in favor of the catch quota proposal being considered by the International Whaling Commission.

The quota proposal will only be implemented by unanimous approval of the commission's 88 members, including Japan, when they vote at the annual meeting next week.

There's no indication yet of the potential outcome, but voting strength on other proposals at last year's meeting were balanced evenly between whaling nations and opponents. Many small nations supported the whalers, and opponents claimed Japan "bought" those votes with aid and other funding.

Palau President Johnson Toribiong said he doesn't believe his administration's decision will affect his country's close ties with Japan, Palau's second biggest benefactor after the United States.

"I assume Japan is a mature, responsible country and has the capacity to accept our position in light of the world's view on whaling," Toribiong told The Associated Press.

# Training that targets gang and gun violence held in Guam and Saipan

The National District Attorney's Association, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the leadership of the U.S. Attorney, Leonardo M. Rapadas, recently sponsored a Project Safe Neighborhoods training for prosecutors and federal and local law enforcement officers in the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The training was conducted to further Rapadas' priority of identifying and reducing gang and gun violence in the Districts and President Obama's priority of recognizing gang membership in the military, and reducing firearm and gang related offenses.

The training was held on June 14 and 15 at the Guam National Guard Readiness Center, and on June 16 and 17, 2010 at the Pacific Islands Hotel on Saipan.

"I am excited to see the high turnout of participants in both districts. Our focus is to ensure our neighborhoods are safe for us and our children," said Rapadas.

Charles Smith, assistant special agent in charge in Seattle, Washington, stated, "I am happy to be partnered with BJA & the U.S. Attorney's Office in the fight against violent crime." Smith said that one of ATF's primary missions is to provide training and law enforcement support to state and local law enforcement. He pledged to continue these efforts through PSN and federal prosecution.

The featured speakers from the NDAA were Angela Corey from the Florida State Attorneys Office; Luci Jackson-Taylor from the National Criminal Investigative Service in Arlington, Virginia; John F. Wilkinson, NDAA from Alexandria, Virginia; Michael Dixon from ATF in Washington, D.C.; Vincent Meister from the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office in Salt Lake City, Utah; Paul Treseler from the Suffolk County District Attorneys Office in Boston, Massachusetts; and Greg Anderson from the Fresno County Attorneys Office in Fresno, California.

The topics focused on updates in search and seizure law, identification of gang members in the military, interviewing techniques, firearms identification and trafficking, investigation and prosecution of methamphetamine cases, prosecuting gang cases, and burglary and home invasion offenses.

The training was attended by 160 federal and local law enforcement officers in Guam and 70 on Saipan. Similar training is planned for the future. ***(PR)***

# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

## June 21, 1999

### CNMI seeks protection of Hagoi

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has asked the US Fish and Wildlife Service to include Hagoi, a valuable wetland on the island of Tinian, in the List of Wetlands of International Importance, otherwise known as the Ramsar List, to help the CNMI conserve the area. In a letter sent to Jamie Rappaport Clark, director of US Fish and Wildlife Service, the chief executive said designating Hagoi as the United States' 18th wetland to the Ramsar List would bolster the CNMI's ability to conserve the wetlands' ecological integrity for the benefit of the future generations. Hagoi wetland provides habitat to several forest and migratory bird species, including 18 percent of the Marianas common moorhen (Gallinula chlorous Guam), known as "pulattat" in the local Chamorro language.

### DEQ shuts down Aquabest

Water company Aquabest has been ordered closed temporarily by the Division of Environmental Quality last Friday after it exceeded the maximum level for microbiological contaminants. Despite recommendations from DEQ, Aquabest continues to operate without an automated bottle washing machine. This is the second time that environment officials have ordered its closure by DEQ. In January, DEQ shutdown Aquabest for three days. Immediately, DEQ ordered the water company to post signs on its building notifying the public and its employees that it will not be selling water due to the violation. According to DEQ, failure of the company to comply with the CNMI drinking water regulations will be dealt with further enforcement action including issuance of penalties.

## June 21, 2000

### HANMI: Don't change BGRT law

The Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands has asked the House of Representatives to defer action on a proposed measure that will amend the Business Gross Revenue tax because it would have a negative effect on the hotel and tourism industry. In a letter to House Ways and Means Committee Chair Antonio M. Camacho, David Wiseman, legal counsel of HANMI, said the hotel association does not see any need to amend the Gross Revenue provisions of the Code since this concern has already been addressed under existing laws. HANMI maintains that the tourism industry on the island is highly sophisticated and one that operates based on contracts between tour or travel agents and hotels that are negotiated several months and even a year in advance before the arrival of tourists in the CNMI.

### Nonresident enrollment at NMC declined

The Northern Marianas College is currently intensifying efforts to lure more foreign students into studying at CNMI's lone higher learning institution following a decrease in its nonresident student enrollment in the last two academic years. In academic year 1996-97, 483 foreign enrollees registered at NMC out of the 1,721 total student population. The following year, the figure dropped to 373 which further dipped to a 225 nonresident students AY 1998-99. NMC Director for Developmental and Alumni Relations Tony V. Deleon Guerrero said this is one of the many challenges the Board of Regents is looking into also as a way of giving boost to the Commonwealth's ailing tourism industry.

## June 21, 2001

### CSC takes control of OPM

The bill transferring jurisdiction over the Office of Personal Management from the Office of the Governor to the Civil Service Commission is now a law. After a much-publicized tug of war between the Office of the Governor and the Civil Service Commission over the OPM, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio finally conceded defeat and signed House Bill 12-46, SS1 into law yesterday. In a letter sent to House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial and Senate President Paul A. Manglona, Tenorio said that, pursuant to the override action by the legislature on House Bill 12-46, SS1, the bill is now Public Law 12-54.

### Wider PCB contamination feared

Impending opening of the refuse transfer station may cause wider polychlorinated biphenyl contamination because the project's identified site in Lower Base remains untested for PCB. Tanapag Action Group Chair Juan I. Tenorio said the area, which is also a subject to a legal dispute, was part of the US Military Fuel Farm. This raises concerns on the area being possibly tainted with PCB. Tenorio added the project site was never submitted to any soil and water laboratory test, which doubles the probability of contaminating other Saipan villages with PCB.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
## MPLT RFP No. 10-01

### INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES

**SERVICES REQUIRED**
The Marianas Public Land Trust, a public trust of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is inviting interested insurance brokers, singularly or in partnership with others, to submit technical proposals for providing insurance brokerage services to MPLT. Interested insurance brokers must be licensed in the Northern Mariana Islands and have a current business license.

**THE PROCESS**
The process will consist of the receipt and evaluation of sealed proposals for technical services. The proposals should demonstrate the ability of the brokers to perform and provide the services enumerated in the Scope of Services stipulated in the Request For Proposal (RFP). At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the highest rated broker will be selected to negotiate fees for services with MPLT. If successful, the broker will be appointed as MPLT's exclusive insurance representative on a year-to-year basis for a period not to exceed three years.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**
The selected broker shall assist MPLT in obtaining insurance coverages for Property and Liability insurance, Automobile, Crime, and Director's & Officer's Liability insurance and providing such other services as may be subsequently negotiated.

**PACKAGES & SUBMITTAL DATE**
Proposal packages will be available beginning June 22, 2010 at the MPLT Administrative Office, Capital Hill Unit 1313, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. Five copies of the sealed proposals shall be submitted to Mr. Phillip Mendiola-Long, MPLT Chairman, P.O. Box 501089, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

**EVALUATION**
The factors to be used in evaluating the proposals shall be the criteria set forth in the RFP. Each criteria will be assigned a grading up to ten points; the proposer receiving the highest overall score will be selected to negotiate a fee for services. The MPLT reserves the right to reject any proposal deemed not in the best interest of MPLT.

If there are any questions relative to this notice, interested parties are asked to contact Ms. Barbara Reyes during the hours stated above.

/s/ **PHILLIP MENDIOLA-LONG**
MPLT Chairman/Contracting Officer

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**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
**State Board of Education**
## Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

## INVITATION FOR BID
## PSS IFB 10-070

### "GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at Saipan Southern High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package is available beginning on June 21, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $68.55.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 9, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. at Saipan Southern High School Cafeteria in Koblerville, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-070, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 23, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on July 21, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 21, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2010.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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**State Board of Education**
## Public School System
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## INVITATION FOR BID
## PSS IFB 10-071

### "GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at Kagman High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package is available beginning on June 21, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $73.40.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Kagman High School Cafeteria Saipan in Kagman, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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## INVITATION FOR BID
## PSS IFB 10-077

### "GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work of Marianas High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package is available beginning on June 21, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $73.65.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 9, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. at Marianas High School Conference Room, Building H, Susupe, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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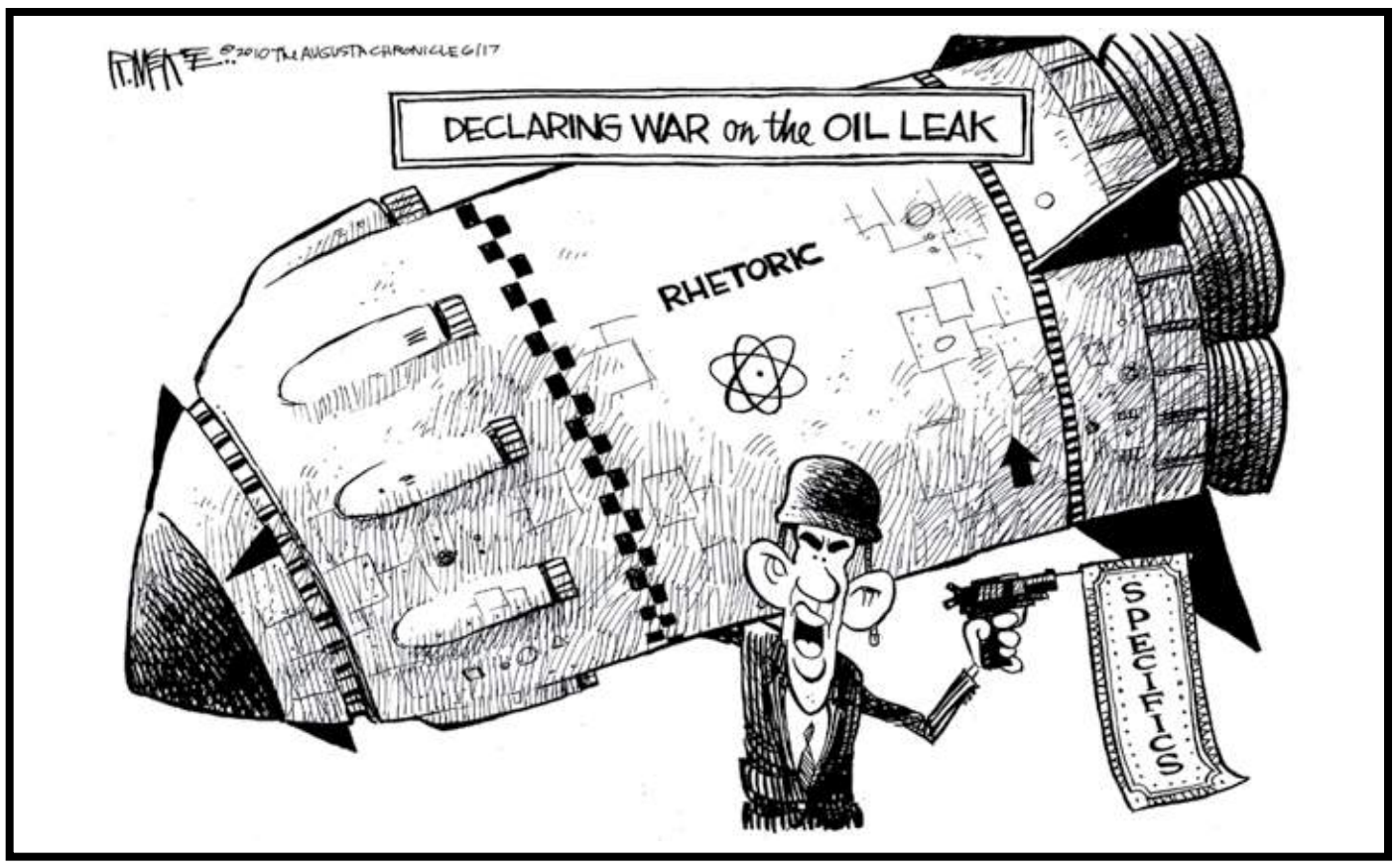


## EDITORIAL

## Talk is fine, but results matter more

**By CARL LEUBSDORF**
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

In the past week, Barack Obama has derided media criticism of his handling of the gulf oil spill, declaring his goal is to find the best answers to a very difficult problem, rather than stage a show or conduct a college seminar.

"This is not theater," the president pointedly told NBC's Matt Lauer.

Later, in an interview with Politico's Roger Simon, Obama accused the media of "demanding things that the public isn't demanding" in assailing his methodical, low-key efforts.

But Obama's decision to raise public visibility of his efforts, climaxed Tuesday night by his first Oval Office address, suggests more concern than the White House has acknowledged about the potential long-term political hazards in his "no-drama" approach.

At first blush, the criticism may have done Obama a favor, allowing him to face the nation and make the case that his administration is on top of what he termed the "oil spill that is assaulting our shores and our citizens."

Though Obama issued his first directive for concerted federal action within two days of the spill, he was not totally persuasive in delineating his administration's efforts, ignoring criticism from the region's officials and residents that it has been too slow and ignored many proposed remedies.

Many on the Gulf Coast still seemed skeptical, and, besides, Obama lacks the power to do the thing that would help most of all. "Nobody's going to be satisfied with anything until the well is capped," said Haley Barbour, Mississippi's astute Republican governor.

And for all of the president's fervent rhetoric on the long-overdue need to end U.S. dependence on fossil fuels, the predictably negative Republican reaction underscored his difficulty in gaining action on Capitol Hill, even if he drops the unpopular "cap and trade" portion of his energy plan.

The speech did enable Obama to promise jittery Gulf Coast residents anew that "we will offer every assistance they desire" and met public demands for a firm stand toward BP. He said he would meet with BP's chairman "and inform him that he is to set aside whatever resources are required." That meeting led the oil giant to agree to provide $20 billion to meet damage claims over the next few years.

Typically, Obama avoided most specific promises, though even his vague statement that ongoing efforts "should capture" up to 90 percent of the leaking oil "in the coming days and weeks" could create problems.

In the long run, despite some overheated predictions that this speech could be a defining moment, Obama's presidency still seems far more likely to hinge on his efforts to overcome the recession and reform the nation's health care system.

Indeed, polling evidence so far indicates that the public's generally critical view of how Obama has handled the spill has had little impact on the way Americans regard his presidency overall. His job approval in the latest USA Today /Gallup poll is 50 percent, roughly where it has been for nine months.

It's hard to escape the conclusion that criticism, much of it from normally supportive political and media voices, precipitated his decision to make the speech.

Louisiana natives James Carville and Donna Brazile were early critics. On Sunday, The New York Times said in an editorial that

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## In our time of need, please be here for us

**By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**
*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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I recall as a young boy of 5 when one night I experienced a true moment of fear. It was raining heavily outside with loud thunder and lightening. As I lay sleeping, suddenly an ear-shattering burst of thunder roared through my room followed by a flash of lightening. I jumped up and ran to my parents' room crying and shivering with fear. My father held me tight in his arms and assured there was no danger. In a few moments I fell asleep, comforted and peaceful.

Now as an older man, I sit thinking about our beloved CNMI with all the problems and uncertainties. Aren't we frightened at this time and need someone to assure us that the dangers we are facing can be overcome? Where is our "father?" We need reassurance. We need to be told that we will become strong again.

Daily we see our beloved islands besieged with problems such as failing businesses, our government's inability to provide satisfactory basic utility services, its lack of money to pay its debts, the departure of our relatives and neighbors seeking a better life elsewhere, inadequate medical services, a depressing drop in tourists, the continuing high rate of indigenous unskilled workers, increasing food stamp recipients, escalating confusion and disagreement with the federal government and other problems. But the saddest of all is that no one is explains what plans and goals we have formed to cope with the above.

I am reminded of that young boy frightened by the thunderstorm. But now there is nowhere to run and hide and no one to hold me in his arms. As a result I feel confused and lost. Don't you?

All of the above problems were caused by us, not by natural catastrophes such as earthquakes, tsunami, typhoons or even terrorists. Therefore, since we caused them, we must solve them. But herein lies the difficulty. We understand the problems and we know the solutions, but we lack the will and determination to correct them. We refuse to make the sacrifices and practice the discipline needed to correct them.

Forgive me for sounding like a "know-it-all" but I am going to stick my neck out and propose several steps to recovery. Therefore in the next few paragraphs, I am going to discuss several ideas on how we can approach the problems facing us. By doing this, I hope that they will stimulate you and others to discuss perhaps better ways than what I propose. If I can make us stand up and demand improvement, I will have succeeded. I want to be our gadfly. Your ideas may be better than mine, but if you remain silent nothing will change. Hopefully I will inspire and motivate many of us to attempt to regain control of our destiny.

The first suggestion to starting on the road to recovery is to turn to the person we acknowledge as our leader. We need our governor to assure us that all will be right, like my father did to me. He must wipe away the tears and the fear that is crippling us. Therefore I make the following plea to our governor:

"Governor Fitial, sir, please talk to us directly. Explain clearly to us what you feel is wrong and why. What actions did we do in the past to get us into this predicament and how are we going to solve it? Show us by your leadership that you feel the same pain and frustration that we feel. Explain why it is so difficult to correct the problems at CUC and all the other problems. Assure us many times over that we are in firm hands. Show us that you have a plan and goal that will make us strong again.

"And please, sir, do not talk to us through your media spokesman. We need to see you and hear you say the words directly to us. We want to see your face and hear your words directly. As often as possible, come and walk among us. Regardless of our party affiliations, sit down with all of us and share your thoughts directly with us. We are all citizens of the CNMI and need assurance and guidance from you regardless for whom we voted. Bring us together as one family.

"A strong suggestion is that you appear on television weekly and talk to us for at least 30 minutes. I am not suggesting a question-and-answer discussion but a frank straight talk about all the problems we face and how you are tackling them. By better understanding what you are doing, we will cooperate better. Make us feel that we are one group, not splintered. Depression knows no boundaries.

"As a young man, I recall listening to the great late American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt give his fireside chats. These were a series of informal radio addresses presented by him in the 1930s and 1940s. There was no television at that time. In his fireside chats, Roosevelt sought to explain his policies to the American public and to calm fears about the Great Depression. These fireside chats also built support for his policies.

"Because the Great Depression was so damaging to the American public, President Roosevelt spoke soundly and boldly to everybody: *'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself!'* Then he acted by creating a program called The New Deal. Note: he acted and did something. These were a group of government programs and policies designed to improve conditions for persons suffering in the Great Depression. Some of these projects included the Social Security System, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Works Progress Administration.

The best known is the Works Progress Administration. In this program, many people were employed who could not find work. The WPA built sidewalks, government buildings and similar public works throughout the United States.

"As the 'father' of our great nation at that moment of despair, President Roosevelt acted and steered the American people to greatness again. He also led the American people through the Second World War. Though his policies were criticized later, he brought hope when it was needed. He calmed people's fears when they most needed it. He had a plan and a goal and acted on them.

"I recall some of the lyrics of the best-known song of the civil right movement: 'Deep in my heart I do believe/That we shall overcome some day.' Let these words guide us.

"Another suggestion, sir, is that your administration work closer

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# Rizal

**By JAIME VERGARA**
*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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*Si Lolo Jose* (Grandpa Jose) was a famous song by Coritha, which associated with Jose Rizal. Coritha was a colleague of Boboy Doromal of *Asin* and, in the Marianas, the other half of Wendy. With that, we might surmise that Jose was not a favored child of the ruling class!

I was not yet 18 when I joined college students at Dapitan, Zamboanga in Mindanao for a two-month Rizal Youth Leadership Training Institute on the grounds of the Rizal *Retiro* Park. It was U. S.-funded, ran by the YMCA at the time when the minds of the young were the battleground of the Cold War, enticed and courted by Moscow's Lumumba University, UH's East-West Center, Cuba's Universidad de Juventud, and the Fulbright scholarship program of the USIS. It was a turning point to my being a self-conscious street-smart world-wise Pinoy, as Jose was, and similarly are countless Pinoys in diaspora around the world today.

From the certitude of theistic Reformation upbringing that hankered back to the Semitic *Torah* of the Fertile Crescent, (since been upended by the irrelevance of today's religious institutions especially when they turn vicious and parochial fanatics of ideology), the surety of Jefferson and Franklin whose images in contemporary vantage are clearer on banknotes than on political savvy, the comfort of Lincoln and Emma Lazarus continually denied their legacy, came the unsettling voices of Voltaire and Nietzsche, Adam Smith and Karl Marx, Rousseau and Mao, Gandhi and Rizal, Ayn Rand and Kierkegaard, Sartre and Kazantzakis. I discovered I might actually have the semblance of an intellect as I listened and meditated on their thoughts. I found an embracing openness of mind to the whirlwind of revolutions that defined my generation.

■ Youth was up in arms, from Hong Kong to Paris, the war in Vietnam providing a convenient disestablishment-rallying cry;

■ Minority groups were no longer contended with charity crumbs thrown under the table; they wanted their civil rights established, protected and shown respect with their own chair around the table;

■ Mao's little red book affirming that "women hold half of the sky," the kitchen apron came off and high heels started stalking executive corridors on its way to smashing the glass ceiling of male privilege;

■ World trade and commerce defied protectionist policies, transcended national bounds, and globalized all aspects of development from resource use to product distribution;

■ Third World countries were offering individually and as non-aligned nations, non-nuclear proliferation alternatives to East-West, U.S. vs. USSR *konfrontasi;*

■ Universities searched for a usable integrated field of knowledge that honored all human traditions without ignoring or compromising science; and

■ Local men and women glocally rose to recreate the human across all cultures and orientations.

Seven simultaneous upheavals churned our guts and swirled our minds. It was a time of turning and I was carried in the flow into indeterminate rapids and swift currents. The adrenaline high to being alive, with all its up-against-ness, was engaging. The universal word of possibility announced, continually expressed, clearly articulated, and endlessly symbolized, pronounced the triumph of progressive hope over the heavy weight of deterministic doom. Freedom was in the air, free spirits were responding to a new call, and many were seeing the emergence of a new day, and a new human.

The seeds of doubt on a naïve faith in the unassailable virtues of American democracy, long nurtured by listening nightly to VoA broadcasts, and sustained by the gratitude of my Dad's six years of higher learning in the United States, was planted. Spice it with accounts of a self-indulgent Europe in decay, the propaganda against bellicose Russia and belligerent China, a suspect image of emaciated Japan craftily biding its time to raise the fury of the rising sun once more, the sticky-fingered tigers of Taiwan, Korea and Singapore, benign Australia-NZ isolationism, self-absorbed treasure-filled tradition-bound India, the tribal darkness of sub-Saharan Africa, the violent upheavals of South America, the volatile black gold of North Africa and the Middle East, brought skepticism into my juvenile soul.

These occurred while on an eight-week discourse with contemporaries in the shadow of the diminutive physician hero, Jose Rizal. Where before Rizal was the larger-than-life statue in the Luneta, the mythic hero of our national imagination, the subversive story-teller of *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Felibusterismo,* we conveniently ignored in academe because his work was required reading. In Dapitan, Jose morphed into the flesh and blood of 50 students who camped together, shared their feelings, revealed their pride and shame, exposed their minds to the stare of the other, and grew up to become human.

The pride of the Malay race was born 150 years ago last Saturday and we launch a year of remembering; he remains an icon of disciplined intellect, refined social grace, understated male magnetism, strategic political de-stabilizer, and social visionary. Chinatown in Honolulu has one of the best life size statues of Rizal, and like other authentic heroes, the real significance of Jose's life is not that it was larger-than-life but that a real ordinary man responded in an extraordinary way to the common and ordinary contradictions of his time.

Some will preen and prune in pomp and circumstance over commemorative celebrations. That's fine. For the ordinary Pinoy, let's remember Jose Rizal because our time's challenge requires a similar response as he did in his time. As ordinary people. Happy birthday, Lolo Jose!

# Konfiansa yan Hineñgge

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"Fido", un' finu' Latin 'nai mafañagu i konsepton "konfiansa". Kumeke ilegña inañgoghu; credo i otru ni kumeke ilegña, hineñgge. Pot inañgoghu yan hineñgge na ha pega i publiku gi apaga' i man-ma'gas niha responsablidat para u fan inesgaihon guatu gi mas yanu na plaset lina'la'.

Este na palabra i konfiansa dumidikta todu kinalamten. Yangin gai konfiansa hau na siña un' chogue chechu linahyan sin un' matompu gi disgrasia 'sino tasen hipokritu, pues memegaiña besis gi hafa un' petsige siempre u antau yan benefisiosu para i tautaumu.

Lau yangin mafnas i konfiansa, pues puru pagyun destrosiu 'nai ma'udai hau. Abarambau hinasomu, puru chechu' apotsu gi halom rimulinon chubasku, abag todus pasumu. 'Nai maliñgu este giya hagu, kontodu i tautau siha gi tattemu maliñgu lokue konfiansan niha giya hagu. 'Nai sulun este na asuntu, ha batsala lokue kontodu konfiansan kometsiante ginen hiyuñg.

Annusiu pot ma-utot sueddon emplea nahuñg para u choma i tautau gi todu gaston familia. Piot sa' klaru na mas makat masodae' fondu para pagamientu. Mas sumeha i tautau ginen todu hagas bisiun gaston niha.

Konfiansa, kulan sagu ni un'ratutu ha' machalapon. Un'ratutu ha' lokue maliñgu an' gumuaha dinida gi publiku konfiansa giya hagu.

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## Tinituhon Lache, Lache!

Deste tutuhon lache nina' halom Depattamenton Interior pot planun para uma-adelanta estau tautau hiyoñg guine. Ha ñega i ginagagau gi lai pot konsuttasion yan gobietnon iya Marianas. Propiu na umanana'lu tatte i ripot estake siña mana pattisipau i natibu gi hafa dichu sentimentoña.

Makat lokue hu aksepta na para umachanda gi un' banda sentimenton natibu gi este na asuntu. I para fuetsau machoneg gi un' banda i Chamorro yan Karolinas un' dañkulu na insuttu gi tautauta. Lastima i kontratan inakonfotman i Covenant yangin taiguine na fatsun relasion para umasimientu deste pagu.

Gi mismu tiempu, presisu lokue na u guaha inestudia gi hafa nesesidatña iya Marianas gi bandan hutnaleros ginen hiyoñg. Tres patte este debi uma'atan: 1). Sentimentun natibu gi mapropopone. 2). Nesesidat bisnis siha guine. 3). Areglun este na asuntu segun lai federat dispues de mamantene operasion immigrasion.

Mauleg lokue i ma'gas OIA as Antonio Babauta na u tunug papa' ginen kabayuña ya u komprende na yangin para umachoneg gi un' banda i natibu, pues i mamamaila' na areglu memegaiña siempre mas finatsu. Deste ñgaian na para un' dulalag i dueñon guma gi situoña?

Ti presisu un' manadan matdision gi entalu niha yan hita. Inafamauleg mas presisu sa' taya' tiempu para bailan uchan gi este na asuntu. Debi ta tutuhon umaregla halom gi mata para u felis satbasion futuron i famaguonta.

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## Mas menos fondu gi kaha

Oppan na mas menos fondu gi kahan iya Marianas. Mientras sige papa' i fondu, i gaston nesesidat mas ma-umenta diariamente. Tinetpe este 'nai apenanas nuebu na salape ginen kometsianten ginen hiyoñg (investors). I kuestion: Guaha otru chachalaña i tafafana' na chinatsaga?

Yangin klaru na mas siempre kohu i fondu, pues fan man-guot fitme sa' uttimoña todu sueddo yan gaston operasion gobietnu mas u fan ma-utot sin ditension. Esta na'fugu i para bai' sañgan este, lau ennau ha' hulilie' pagu gi este na karera. Chadegña papa' maribahan fondu ke hafa man-gaige pagu para katsun nesesidatta.

I uttimu eskalera i para u fan gagau Marianas ausiliu ginen i Congresson Estados Unidos De America. Debi si Kilili u tutuhon muna' kalagtus macheteña para 'an mattu este na ora. I para u atlibes tumobetta guine na patte siempre u atlibes. I kuestion: Kau ñgaian este na tiempu? Siguruyu lokue na i federat siempre ha tutuhon umarompua gastun fondun publiku guine antes de u fan nae' ayudu.

Todu atmos banda gai diskuidu gi ta padedese pagu. Ti mapot mapega gi un' banda dibinan haye paire para u siña i dos dumaña ya umatutuhon areglon linala' para i tautauta guine.

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## Pot Ositan:

Humanau si Honey yan Bunny bumakasion giya Roma. Dimalas si Honey sa' matai chetnut korason. Mafaisen i biuda hafa na pakete malagoña: 1). $150 na setbisiu ya umahafot asaguaña giya Roma. 2). $5,000 pesus pot para u manahanau tatte gi tano niha i difuntu.

Sige i biuda ha dibina hafa mauleg. Dispues ilegña: "Nañga, sa' antes guaha un' tautau matai guine ya lumala talu gi mina tres dias. Muñgayu na u talu tatte si Honey 'sino ha lachaiyu talu sumapet. Polu ya bai' koni tatte giya hame." A` Saina!

## TIME

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with the House and Senate. They too need assurance that you wish to work closer with them. This is not the time to play politics. This is the time to come together. We are all citizens of the United States and citizens of the CNMI! Let us put aside politics and come together. Please talk and talk until you all reach a unanimous plan of action. Unless we become unified, we will never overcome. Remember the words of Abraham Lincoln: 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.'

"Governor, sir, unless you take the lead and stretch out your hand to the Legislature and to us, we will remain confused and continue to flee the islands. You must inspire us so that we will achieve 'Better Times.' Didn't you promise us that?

"Sir, there is a rainbow waiting for us. Its beauty and clarity will lead us to prosperity. But we must be firm and resolute. Please weight my suggestions. You may consider the above thoughts as personal, but they really are from the hearts of the majority of the people. I am merely trying to express them in their behalf to you. We need your action to guide us. We, the citizens, await your guidance."

As Charles Dickens wrote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of enlightment, it was the age of foolishness." It remains to be seen which it will be. You can make the difference!

## TALK

*From Page 10*

Obama needed to display "competence and leadership" to offset his failure to move more quickly in mobilizing federal resources and confronting BP.

That came two days after a Washington Post report noted that he had yet to use the Oval Office setting favored by predecessors to rally public support in times of crisis.

Though Obama now has done so, presidential historian Michael Beschloss probably had it right Wednesday on MSNBC when he said, "In the end, results are what's going to matter."

That's true for efforts to stop the spill and clean up the mess, but probably even more for Obama's broad array of initiatives to deal with both inherited and underlying national problems.

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# The Weather

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## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲90° ▼78° | ▲89° ▼77° | ▲89° ▼79° | ▲90° ▼79° | ▲90° ▼79° |

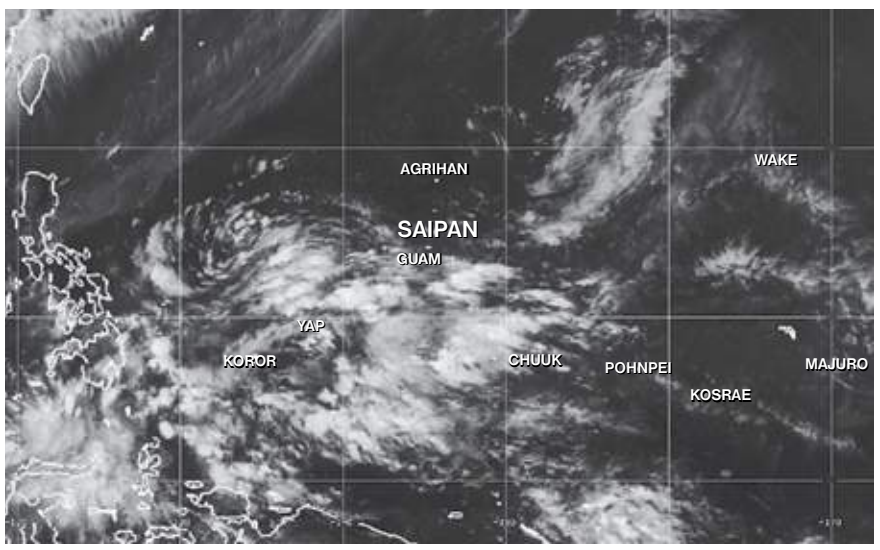
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲88 | ▼81 |
| Palau | Showers | ▲85 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Showers | ▲86 | ▼78 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲82 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Rain | ▲87 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲90 | ▼78 |
| Majuro | Showers | ▲85 | ▼77 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Partly Cloudy | ▲60 | ▼56 |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | ▲90 | ▼68 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲86 | ▼72 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼75 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼51 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲71 | ▼58 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲90 | ▼78 |
| Melbourne | Sunny | ▲61 | ▼48 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲91 | ▼81 |
| New York | Thundershowers | ▲88 | ▼69 |
| Osaka | Thunderstorms | ▲81 | ▼70 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲67 | ▼50 |
| Pusan | Partly Cloudy | ▲80 | ▼68 |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | ▲71 | ▼56 |
| Salem | Showers | ▲64 | ▼48 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲62 | ▼52 |
| Seoul | Sunny | ▲86 | ▼65 |
| Tokyo | Thunderstorms | ▲79 | ▼73 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲96 | ▼73 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northward from 5N130E to an upper-level low centered northwest of Koror at 14N132E then continues northeastward to beyond 25N at 155E near Minami Tori Shima. Upper-level divergence near and southeast of the trough axis is combining with trade-wind convergence to create scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over a large area south of a line from 14N130E to 13N153E. This area includes Guam, the Republic of Palau and the Micronesian states of Yap and Chuuk. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring from east of the CNMI to Minami Tori Shima within 180 miles of a line from 16N150E to 17N154E to 24N158E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers north of Majuro within 85 miles of a line from 12N170E to 12N174E to 10N180. Widely scattered showers are found over Pohnpei and Kosrae within 80 miles of a line from 7N158E to 5N162E to 4N166E and also south of Majuro within 80 miles of a line from 7N169E to 4N173E to 4N180.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2:29 AM | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |
| 9:49 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 4:26 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.4 Feet |
| 9:14 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:48 AM | 6:50 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:48 AM | 6:50 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:48 AM | 6:50 PM |
| Thursday | 5:48 AM | 6:50 PM |
| Friday | 5:49 AM | 6:50 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 2:03 PM | 1:06 AM |
| Tuesday | 3:00 PM | 1:51 AM |
| Wednesday | 3:58 PM | 2:38 AM |
| Thursday | 4:55 PM | 3:29 AM |
| Friday | 5:50 PM | 4:21 AM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

### DEPARTURES

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9597 | 5:00am | 5:30am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily |
| CO9313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | Daily |
| CO9601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| CO9603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | Daily |
| CO9605 | 6:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |
| CO9599 | 9:35pm | 10:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 5:55am | 8:35am | Daily |
| DL297 | 3:35pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| DL289 | 4:35pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604 | 2:20am | 6:10am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CZ3008 | 3:30am | 6:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/701 | 2:20am | 11:25am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/701 | 2:50am | 11:25am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ606/703 | 2:20am | 11:00pm | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/703 | 2:50am | 11:00pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ608/705 | 3:20am | 12:10am+1 | 1, 5 via PUS |
| CO9317/891 | 4:25am | 9:45am | 6 via GUM |
| CO9603/893 | 3:05pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| CO9603/933 | 3:05pm | 8:40pm | Daily via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/721 | 2:20am | 11:45am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/721 | 2:50am | 11:45am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ606/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| CO9603/909 | 3:05am | 9:30pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9598 | 6:30pm | 7:00pm | 4, 7 |

**GUAM-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| CO9596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | Daily |
| CO9600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | Daily |
| CO9602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| CO9604 | 5:10pm | 6:00pm | Daily |
| CO9606 | 8:10pm | 9:00pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL290 | 10:00am | 2:35pm | Daily |
| DL298 | 10:30am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:40pm | 1:15am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ605 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CZ3007 | 7:30pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ704/605 | 12:10am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ706/607 | 3:35am | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 via PUS |
| CO890/9606 | 10:55am | 9:00pm | 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/CO9596 | 10:00pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| CO892/9596 | 10:10pm | 7:50am+1 | 3,5 via GUM-Palau |
| CO934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | Daily via GUM |

**HONG KONG-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ724/605 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | 2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ750/605 | 1:00am | 2:20pm | 2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| CO910/9596 | 10:35pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

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| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 113 | 11:40 | 11:50 | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

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# An analysis of the proposed Saipan Casino Control Act

By RAMON BLAS CAMACHO
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*Editor's Note: The following is Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon Blas Camacho's testimony on House Bill 17-56, the proposed Saipan Casino Control Act of 2010, at the June 11, 2010, public hearing conducted by the House Committee on Commerce & Tourism. The Municipal Council has requested the publication of Camacho's testimony. Due to its length, it will be published as a six-part series.*

Although neither a specific role is assigned to nor the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council recognized as a duly established constitutional agency of local government in House Bill 17-55 and House Bill 17-56, the *local municipal agency* will, nonetheless, provide its comments on strengthening House Bill 17-56: "To provide for the establishment, regulation, and control of casino gaming in the Third Senatorial District of Saipan and the islands North of Saipan; and for other purposes."

At the outset, the local council applauds Chairman Edmund S. Villagomez of Saipan for duly recognizing the constitutional role of the local municipal council in the formation and deliberation of public policies affecting the local community, by seeking the position of the Municipality of Saipan over an approach to building a policy infrastructure necessary for sustainable growth, development and prosperity in the Third Senatorial District through casino gaming.

Do know it is the desire of the local council to be part of a solution in crafting sound public policies to facilitate investment and business success on Saipan to the extent that policies fully comport with Article VI on local constitutional governance vested in the Saipan municipal council and the Saipan mayor's office.

Specifically, section 7(a) of the constitution vests unto the municipal council general and enumerated powers over all local matters of a predominantly local nature affecting the Municipality of Saipan and the Northern Islands archipelago, which includes subject matters dealing with casino gaming for the Third Senatorial District of Saipan and the islands north of Saipan-the Northern Islands!.

Furthermore, section 8(a) in Article VI is implicated in House Bill 17-56 over the establishment of *new* agencies of local government, such as the Saipan Municipal Treasury and the Saipan Casino Commission as prescribed in HB 17-56.

It is in this context that the council examines the merits, challenges and implications on certain salient provisions in House Bill 17-56 and anchors our recommendations over the proper course of action and disposition of the bill at hand.

For this reason, the council purposely limited its analysis strictly to HB 17-56, as only Speaker Tenorio endorses HB 17-55. By contrast, HB 17-56 is not only supported by other members of the House, but also reviewed for legal form, thus ripe for meaningful deliberation through this public hearing and subsequent action for improvements by this body based on public testimonies, including the analysis by the Saipan and Northern Island Municipal Council.

**ANALYSIS:**

**A. Purpose:**

House Bill (HB.) 17-56, hereinafter refer to the "Saipan Casino Act", advocates casino gaming as an alternative approach in rejuvenating the ailing local economy, largely caused by certain enumerated external factors identified in the bill, notwithstanding the role existing local policies, regulations and administrative indecisions and inactions played in and contributed to the present economic debacle.

Advocates of HB 17-56 appear optimistic over casino gaming revenue generating capacity and multiplier spin-off, providing fresh public funds for improvements in *"health care and medical referrals services, education, scholarship programs, public safety, and many other essential government services benefiting the general public, (including) ...meeting government payroll."* The advocates further believe that the incidence of brain drain and unemployment in the CNMI is arguably caused by the sluggish economy (though the ease in hiring non-resident workers in the private sector and government is just as culpable, if not the culprit).

While HB 17-56 takes into consideration the sentiment of a *"majority of our people (who) are strongly against poker establishment in the villages and ...want them out"* the bill fails to mention that the people of Saipan have overwhelmingly rejected casino gaming in past referenda. Instead, HB 17-56 conveniently uses the opposition by some local people to poker arcades embedded in the inner villages, near schools and churches as a justification to transfer to and expand the power and authority of a proposed agency referred to as casino gaming commission, by consolidating the commission's functions and jurisdiction to also encompass the licensing of all existing and new poker, pachinko slot machine and related games already addressed in existing statutes.

***To be continued.***

*Ramon Blas Camacho is chairman of the Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council.*

# Little fishes

By JIM RAYPHAND
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Most people who have lived in these islands long enough will recall images of an exotic time in "a paradise isle where the sun shines pure and (people) greet you with a smile." * A simpler time for sure, but it was not an easier one. Island life such as it was for any of us who grew up in Micronesia (at least those of us who pre-date the luxuries of household power-generation and running water, or the general onslaught of commercial imports and government handouts) will attest that our day-to-day hinged on survival of the fittest. I don't mean that in a metaphorical sense, but rather literally. We lived by the sweat of our brow, reaped what we sowed and the Alpha males ruled the nest. *If you could not, would not work, you would not, could not eat*. There were a few selective exceptions for toddlers, senior citizens and people with disabilities; otherwise, everyone put in their fair share of work. The simple fact is that life was short for anyone who did not join the ranks of the contributing members of society, no matter what the reason. There were no jobs for money, so we toiled both by land and by sea. And trust me when I say that fishing, sometimes with only a machete, ain't easy…it's hard work requiring a well-honed skill. Respect was earned in three primary ways: (1) by being fearless in everything you did, (2) by having unconditional respect for your family elders and, (3) you guessed it, by putting in regular hard days' work—it's really only on account of Christianity that we got Sundays off…*in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost*.

So what happened? How did our islands become infected with cowardly thieves who, among other things, sneak up on helpless little girls and have their way with them only to run and hide behind masks of anonymity? When did we begin to tolerate clueless scoundrels who pay no mind to their parents and generally have no respect for anyone, including themselves? And why are so many of us content to sit on the edge of progress with our handy caps held out for alms?

I can't say much about what makes a yellow-belly, but I'd sure like to catch one…some people should be swimming with the fishes. I also don't presume to have answers for a misguided mind. The truth is I really don't know as much as I'd like, but I am certain that the pervasive sense of entitlement and over-dependence on others is not part of our heritage (and that's true for Pacific Islanders and statesiders alike).

For people with disabilities, the culprit sentiment is pity…we feel sorry for them, so we label them "special" and guard them from responsibility or accountability as if by virtue of having a disability they can do no wrong. Truth be told, there is nothing special about anyone who doesn't contribute to or participate in a meaningful life, disabled or otherwise. We all know stories of numerous people with various types of severe disabilities accomplishing the most incredible feats yet we continue to expect so little from our own. Some families expect nothing more of their children with disabilities other than to stay at home and collect a monthly disability check. Heaven forbid, we should expect anyone, least of all someone with a disability, to work for a living. Why work when SSI is free, right?

My point is this: Just because there aren't any jobs available that does not mean there isn't any work to be done and just because you get paid for doing nothing, doesn't mean you should do nothing. Life comes but once in a lifetime… don't just watch it go by.

We might do well to take some lessons from the life of a fish—no matter how strong the current, you can't stop swimming and you should be aware that an easy catch might actually be bait at the end of someone's hook. For what it's worth, I'd still rather be one of the little fishes in a familiar ocean, than a big fish on somebody else's dry land.

For more information on employment support services for people with disabilities and/or on the rights of individuals with disabilities in the workplace, please feel free to contact the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7278 [tty] / 235-7275 [fax] or contact us on-line at www.nmpasi.com.

*Ben Rayphand, *Micronesian Jewel*.

## Letters to the Editor

# Day of reckoning

It's a shame that the House Minority Leader up on the hill chose to point fingers at a time so critical affecting thousands of government employees' livelihood. Since 2008, the threat of payless payday has been looming within the confines of our legislative branch, but wasn't taken seriously until it happened. You see, folks, the minority leader, a political veteran up on the hill, can't fit any of your shoes or possibly comprehend the seriousness of not being able to meet financial obligations, or destroying one's good credit standings with financial institutions owed or simply providing food at the table for your families. The only solution and easy way out he has to offer at time so critical is to point fingers.

Acting Gov. Eloy Inos, MPLT, and CDA should be commended for their quick action, response, and solution to a critical matter. As for the House Minority Leader, I say this, get off that high horse and stop the blame game and call for an emergency session to immediately rectify any further payless paydays. Suggest doubling the $8 million being requested by the Lt. Governor for it will prevent future payless payroll and, in turn, government revenue collections will stabilize while seeking other alternative solutions. The stability and well-being of every single government employee (constituents) and their families is now within the palm of your hands, Mr. Minority Leader. Act quickly and responsibly.

**Gregorio Cruz**
*Taotao Tano CNMI Inc.*

# The logical way to handle a problem

In response to Del Benson's letter "Wake Up," I want it known that I understand his point and am not attacking him. I would, however, like to point out that the conditions he warns about "enslaving our people to drugs, poker, alcohol and sex to fill our coffers" has already happened and has been happening since the beginning of time. Alcoholism, drug addiction, gambling addiction, sex addiction are rampant throughout the island, nation and the world. What else is new?

None of our laws prohibiting drugs, alcohol, prostitution, or gambling have done anything to stop these problems. Why? Because drug addiction (including alcoholism—alcohol is a drug), gambling addiction, and sex addiction are all diseases and you cannot cure a disease with a law. To treat a public health issue with law enforcement is just as crazy as asking a carpenter to do dentistry. We learned in the 1920s and 1930s how well prohibition of alcohol worked. It didn't. In fact, it caused the rise of the mafia in the U.S. Why? Because it took something that the majority of Americans wanted (a stiff drink) and turned it into a black market commodity.

Drugs, sex, and gambling are vices many adults will indulge in regardless of the legalities. Many of these are vices because of religious reasons. Specifically, social taboos on sex and prostitution. Are these things moral? According to many religions, no. But one cannot legislate morality, and in a constitutionally limited republic with church-state separation, one cannot legislate morality.

If one is worried about their kids being brought up right, do what my parents did. Get involved with the kid's life. Do not rely on the government, including the school, to teach your kid right and wrong. Do it yourself.

In the meantime, let's look at drugs, gambling and prostitution this way:

1) Drugs (including alcohol), prostitution, and gambling are not going away. Drugs and alcohol have been with us since the beginning of time. Prostitution is the oldest known profession. Gambling too has been with us since the dawn of time as well. As long as people want to get high, have sex and bet, we will have these items in our society.

2) They can and do some harm, but not always. Some people can smoke a joint, or get rip-roaring drunk on Saturday night, sleep it off Sunday and be to work with no problem on Monday, all that without hurting anyone else. A single guy who can't find a date can pick up a prostitute and no harm done, and some lady can go and spend $20 bucks at the bingo hall and know when to quit, no harm done. Why then should we penalize the majority of people because some other folks can't control their impulses?

3) The harm that has been attributed to drugs, prostitution and gambling has been and is being minimized in other countries where they are legal, but controlled. There is legalized prostitution in the Netherlands, along with legalized marijuana. To indulge, one has to go to a certain part of town—a part of town anyone with common sense would not take their kids to. There, the rate of addiction and STDs are much lower than in the U.S. Also, so is the rate of violent crime. Legalize it, regulate it, tax it. The only logical way to handle the problem.

**Mitch Westland**
*Tanapag, Saipan*

# Make-A-Wish to host sand sculpting contest

The islands' Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter, a non-profit organization, will be hosting its first Sand Castles for Wishes as a fundraiser for its programs focused on granting the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Sand Castles for Wishes 2010, as presented by TakeCare Insurance Co., Inc. will have 16 corporate and organization teams competing to build sand sculptures not only to win prizes, but also to help the local chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Sand Castle for Wishes 2010 is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, from 7am to 4pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan beach with company and organization teams being invited to register with a $100 donation per team.

"Every year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation hosts creative fundraisers, such as the Kites for Wishes, as part of our effort to reach out to the community and raise funds for our programs," said Guam and CNMI Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter executive director Victor P. Camacho.

"We are excited to have this community event as a way for our local partners and supporters to have fun while helping a great cause and we invite everyone to come out and enjoy," he said.

One of the region's largest and premier health care and insurance firms, TakeCare Insurance Co., Inc., has joined forces with Make-A-Wish Foundation this year to bring this community event to the CNMI.

"We are as equally excited to be a part of this worthwhile community event and we support the mission of Make-A-Wish Foundation in delivering these wonderful, enriching experiences to children who need it the most," said TakeCare Insurance Co., Inc. marketing manager Nora Sablan.

World-famous sand sculpture master Dennis Massoud will be here from Australia, with special thanks to Hyatt Regency Saipan, for demonstrations at the event and clinics for the participants. Proceeds from sponsors and teams will be donated to the local Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter.

To register a company or organization team, e-mail taroleafgroup@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

## Ex-Saipan resident heads for Carnegie Hall

Former Saipan resident Krystele Chavez has been accepted as a finalist for the 2010 American High School Honors Performance Series at the world-famous Carnegie Hall.

The daughter of Elmer and Bing Chavez, Krystele and her family lived on Saipan before migrating to British Columbia, Canada in late 2007. She attended Saipan Community School and Calvary Christian School before moving to Canada.

Program director Marion Gomez said Chavez was chosen after a thorough selection process.

"As a previous participant in a Heritage Festivals program, you have demonstrated your musical talent and experience the thrill of performing with the very best," she said in a letter to Krystele.

The 2010 American High School Honors Performance Series brings together exceptional high school musicians and singers from the U.S. and Canada for a special Carnegie Hall performance set for June 26.

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Krystele Chavez with conductor Bruce Pullan during the Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival 2010 in Banff, Alberta.

Chavez and other elite high school students chosen to perform will come under the direction of renowned conductors H. Robert Reynolds and Dr. Eph Ely.

Gomez said the Honors Performance Series will showcase the most talented student performers from across North America. She said selected students will also be given the opportunity to visit the Juilliard School, recognized on the CBS Early Show broadcast, as well as attend a Broadway show.

In an e-mail to the *Saipan Tribune*, Krystele said she is very honored to have been selected to perform in Honors Performance Series this year.

"The name and location already says it all. The fact that I will have rehearsals and eventually perform on a stage where world-renowned performers and prodigies have stood on, I still cannot get over it," she said.

Krystele also thanked her parents and family, friends in Canada and Saipan, and her choir director Jen Williams for giving their all-out support and most especially God for the gift to perform in such a prestigious venue like Carnegie Hall.

"I am so excited. Since I moved to Canada, I've always recollected my past victories that occurred back on Saipan. Because God granted me His blessings, I excelled in speech and in music and I was able to balance these activities with my academics. Adjusting to the relocation and my desire for the same opportunities were more than what I bargained for. But now, I will be able to sing and share music with the finest performers in North America and be conducted under world-renowned choral clinician Dr. Eph Ehly. I'm really thankful!" she said. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Belated happy Father's Day and happy anniversary greetings to Richard K. Masiwemai, from your wife, Charlene Masiwemai! "As years pass us by we tend to be so caught up in things (especially in Saipan) that at times we forget about how it used to be. This is a reminder to my husband who at times thinks that I have forgotten the love that we share. I thank you Richard K. Masiwemai. I thank you for having the patience and understanding for your sometimes difficult wife. I thank you for your loving and gentle caring of our first child. I thank you for bearing with me through my constant lectures and whining, I know I can be difficult at times. I thank you for choosing to move back to Saipan because you know it would make me happy! I thank you for all the "Good Mornings" and "Good Nights" that you tell me every day even when you are upset. I thank you for your kisses and hugs. I thank you for taking care of me when I get sick and during those times that I am too tired to take care of our daughter. But most of all, thank you for choosing and loving me unconditionally. I love you sweetie, Happy Fathers Day and Happy Anniversary!"

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dorothy E. Jebehn for graduating in the Top 3 of Chacha Junior High School's batch of 2K14 2009-2010 graduates. Greetings come from your mom, dad, and big brother Arthur Jebehn.

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### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Stephen "Weevo" Sablan, who is celebrating his birthday today, June 21! We love you and hope you enjoy your special day! Greetings come from the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library staff.

### BELATED GREETING

Belated happy Father's Day to a great father, Jose P. Kiyoshi! Thank you for all that your have done. Love, Chai, Christabel, Jose, Doris, Juana, and Joseph.

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Belated happy Father's Day to Joaquin "Jack" Saralu, shown here with Lynneisha and Joaquin J.R. It takes a special man to be a father. Hope you enjoyed your special day. Love, Mary Lynn, Jack-Lynn, Adela, Joaquin J.R. and Lynneisha.

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## MILITARY NEWS

### WWII bomb successfully defused

**SANTA RITA, GUAM**—A recently unearthed World War II-vintage 1000 lb bomb found on Naval Base Guam was successfully defused Saturday by the bomb disposal technicians from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment Marianas.

The bomb was loaded onto a flatbed truck and under Naval Base Guam Security escort the EOD team transported the bomb to Naval Base Guam Ordnance Annex for disposal.

An 'all clear' was given at 1230pm Saturday and the two safety perimeters were removed to allow normal traffic flow to and from the base. ***(USN)***

### Military training on Farallon de Medinilla

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 21-25, from 7am to 8pm.

The general public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(USN)***

### NMCB 11 sailors to honor Seabee Betty

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 will honor Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo with a wreath-laying ceremony today, June 21, 9am at the Veterans Cemetery in Piti.

Born in 1934 in the village of Yona, Peredo, affectionately called "Seabee Betty" by service members and civilians alike, was a surrogate mother and true friend to thousands of Seabees deployed to Guam starting in the 1950s when she began reaching out to Seabees until her death in 2003.

Hosting welcome and farewell fiestas for Seabees deployed far from home was one of the many ways that Seabee Betty helped cultivate a sense of community between military members and the Chamorro people. Her hospitality, kindness and extension of the Hafa Adai spirit helped countless Seabees endure the stress and strain of working long hours and being separated from loved ones.

A legend in her own time, Seabee Betty represented the warmth, generosity and inclusiveness indicative of Guam's culture. In her lifetime, numerous U.S. senators, Chiefs of Naval Operation, and other military leadership recognized her for her community service.

NMCBs have been on Guam since the island's liberation from Japanese occupation in 1944. Since then, Seabees did the initial construction on the island's main thoroughfare, Marine Corps Drive, and helped Guam recover from the devastation of typhoons.

NMCBs provide responsive military construction support to Navy, Marine Corps and other forces in military operations, construct base facilities and conduct defensive operations. They are able to work and defend themselves at construction sites outside of their base camp and convoy through unsecured areas. ***(USN)***

# Business

TO IMPROVE ITS GSM NETWORK

## Docomo invests $1.9M in CNMI

Docomo Pacific has invested over $1.9 million in the CNMI to implement substantial upgrades to its GSM network on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota as part of effort to provide superior mobile communication services.

GSM networks are used and recognized globally as the preferred industry-standard for wireless mobile communications.

"Our customers will definitely enjoy the benefits of a GSM network locally and abroad," said CNMI operations general manager James Nelson. "For international travel, the GSM network provides the most efficient and convenient use with our extensive worldwide roaming partners."

Committed in late 2009, Docomo Pacific's network upgrade was initiated in January 2010 and comprises two phases.

Ongoing Phase 1 is scheduled for completion this August and entails installation of key core equipment and upgrading of four cell sites on Saipan. These upgraded sites will more than double both voice and data capacity.

Phase 2 will begin this September with the installation of 14 additional cell sites and the concurrent overlay of Docomo Pacific's 1900 Mhz frequency with an 850 Mhz frequency. This overlay will add substantial network capacity and provide for more effective "building penetration" coverage. Tinian and Rota will be included for infrastructure upgrades during Phase 2.

On completion, all three islands will efficiently operate on a unified GSM network to better provide higher-speed voice and data capability, capacity and coverage.

"Docomo Pacific remains steadfast to raising the standards of wireless mobile communications services in the region," said president and CEO Jay Shedd. "Both our customers and the community will benefit from our utilization of leading-edge technology achieved through continuous investments in the CNMI." ***(PR)***

## Russians continue to show interest in NMI

Russians continue to show an interest in the Northern Mariana Islands as a resort destination, evidenced by a recent familiarization tour by representatives of six Russian media publications.

*Millionaire International Magazine, Voyage, TourProfi-Region, Uralsk Airlines Magazine, VIM-Avia Magazine,* and *Doctor Travel* were on the islands in May 2010 on a tour facilitated by the Marianas Visitors Authority. The FAM tour is expected to bring Saipan, Tinian, and Rota over $115,000 in ad exposure throughout Russia.

"The Russian market, while small in numbers, provides a sizable portion of the income the Northern Mariana Islands derives from tourism. Russians stay far longer and thus spend more while here than visitors from other source countries," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

*Millionaire International Magazine* reaches 35,000 upper class readers, while *Voyage* is a travel and leisure magazine reaching 125,000 middle and upper class readers. *TourProfi-Region, UAM,* and *VIM* target tourism industry professionals and over 3 million airline passengers. *Doctor Travel* targets 150,000 readers in the tourist health market.

(MVA)

Russian FAM II-Representatives of the Marianas Visitors Authority and Pacific Islands Club Saipan welcome media visiting Russian media during the media's recent FAM tour of the Northern Mariana Islands. The tour group dined at the hotel on May 18, 2010.

While in the Northern Marianas, the media reps took tours of all three islands and visited the award-winning white sand beaches of Managaha. They snorkeled with turtles on Tinian and in the Grotto on Saipan, took an ATV tour through the jungles of Saipan, tried their luck at fishing, and indulged in a massage at Mariana Resort & Spa. They also caught a cultural dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa, the Las Vegas-style SandCastle dinner show, the annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden, a sunset dinner cruise, and lunch at Palms Resort Saipan.

The reps lodged at Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, Rota Resort & Country Club, Aqua Resort Club, and Saipan World Resort. ***(MVA)***

## USCIS revamps E-Verify Web interface for US employers

**WASHINGTON D.C.**—After a yearlong overhaul, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has launched a completely redesigned Web interface for employers using the agency's E-Verify Program.

"This is one more example of the ongoing enhancements we are making to E-Verify," said USCIS director Alejandro Mayorkas. "The redesigned web interface for E-Verify provides employers more streamlined access and offers an expanded customer support section. This parallels the agency's USCIS.gov redesign last September that ensures continued efficiency and transparency in our services."

The re-engineering of more than 200 pages has transformed the web interface user experience. The new web interface includes improved navigational tools to enhance ease-of-use, minimize errors, support compliance with the terms of use, and enable real-time validation of employers enrolling in E-Verify against commercial data.

**ON THE NET**
- www.dhs.gov/E-Verify
- www.uscis.gov

A new home page, along with a new 'case alerts' feature, improved case management, and streamlined tutorials are among the improvements to the E-Verify website. The new interface also has enhanced security features such as masking Social Security numbers to further protect privacy and ensure that only valid companies enroll in E-Verify. This and other new features will also help minimize the chances of fraudulent access.

The user-centric design showcases E-Verify's continued commitment to customer service, security, accuracy, and efficiency. It further highlights USCIS's overall customer centric focus and desire to continually increase the public's confidence in the system.

All current E-Verify users are required to complete the updated tutorial. The tutorial takes about 20 minutes to complete and serves as a "how-to" of the new system. ***(USCIS)***

# Nation

## Army mounts anti-suicide campaign

**DENVER** (AP)—Army Spc. Joseph Sanders was despondent over the breakup of his marriage and feeling alone in the oppressive heat of an Iraqi summer when he turned his rifle on himself and pulled the trigger.

Nothing happened. His buddy, Spc. Albert Godding, had disabled the rifle by removing the firing pin after Sanders told him he was thinking of killing himself.

It was a singular but welcome victory in the Army's battle against suicides, which last year claimed the lives of 163 soldiers on active duty and 82 Guard and Reserve soldiers not on active duty.

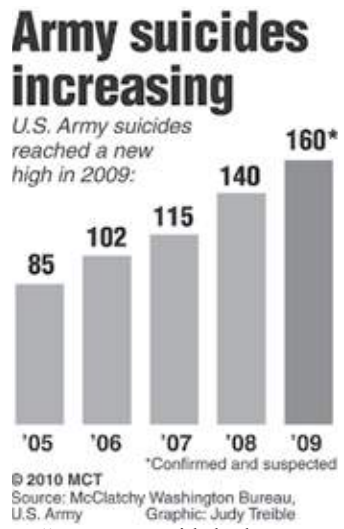
Congress ordered the Defense Department in 2008 to study ways to address the problem, and the Army started its own task force last year after an alarming spike in suicides in January and February.

The Army also launched a campaign to teach soldiers how to spot suicide warning signs and what to do about them. Godding credits that training for making him aware of the danger Sanders was in.

"I just reacted like a battle drill," Godding said. "Like muscle memory, you know?"

Godding, now stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and Sanders, at Fort Polk, La., told their story in telephone interviews after Godding received the Meritorious Service Medal for saving Sanders' life.

The two soldiers were in Iraq together with a 10th Mountain Division artillery battery in 2008 when Sanders' wife said she wanted a divorce, Sanders said.




"It was mid-deployment. Things were getting pretty hectic at the time, the temperature was rising," Sanders said. "I would mainly call her to kind of vent. She was the only person I had to talk to. She just said goodbye."

Sanders told Godding. Godding also noticed Sanders withdrawing from his friends, and recalls Sanders telling him in detail about ways he could take his own life.

One night in August, while they were at a forward operating base in Baghdad to rest and resupply, Godding became concerned enough to remove the firing pin from Sanders' rifle. The next morning, Sanders tried to shoot himself, he said, but the rifle didn't fire.

First he felt shock, as if someone had dumped cold water on him. Then he went into "soldier mode," breaking down the weapon to see what had gone wrong, and discovered the firing pin was missing.

"It all hit me at once. 'Wow, what did I just try to do?'" Sanders said.

Then came relief mixed with anger because he was still in emotional pain and still had to finish a grueling deployment. "I was an emotional wreck. Tears in my eyes," he said.

Godding walked in, and Sanders recalls asking, "Where's my firing pin?"

Godding told a medic to take Sanders to a combat stress center at their post while Godding notified commanders.

"Feeling better took time," said Sanders. "I believe a lot had to do with that I had a mental health specialist to speak to right away."

Sanders has agreed to appear in an upcoming video for the Army's suicide-prevention campaign, said Col. Chris Philbrick, director of the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Philbrick said he doesn't have statistics yet to show whether the campaign is working. The 245 suicides Army-wide in 2009 were nearly 20 percent more than the 197 in 2008. As of late May of this year, the Army had only three fewer suicides than in the same period in 2009, Philbrick said.

Bonnie Carroll, a member of the Defense Department's suicide task force, sees signs that the education effort is improving.

"What we're seeing is a cultural shift in the way military members are being trained today," said Carroll, the founder and chairwoman of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, or TAPS, which works with the families of military personnel who died in the service.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Man shoots 4, self in Calif. fast food restaurant

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A man opened fire on his stepdaughter's family inside a California restaurant Saturday, killing her husband and 6-year-old son, critically wounding her and another child, and then fatally shooting himself, police said. The 56-year-old man arrived at the Del Taco restaurant in San Bernardino on a bike at about 1 p.m., walked over to a table and fired several shots at his 29-year-old stepdaughter, her 33-year-old husband, and their sons, ages 5 and 6, San Bernardino police Lt. Jarrod Burguan said. The woman's husband was declared dead at the restaurant and the 6-year-old died at a hospital, San Bernardino Fire Department spokesman Steve Tracey said. The woman and the 5-year-old boy were in critical condition at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Tracey said. The names of the victims and the shooter weren't released.

#### Records: Girl's killer 'calm, calculating'

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP)—Sunday school teacher Melissa Huckaby evidently planned the gruesome killing of an 8-year-old girl, taking care to place the child's lifeless body into a suitcase, according to newly released case documents. This and other macabre pieces of information were revealed in the more than 1,800 pages of grand jury transcripts and other documents released Friday, shedding some new light on Huckaby, who was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping and murdering her daughter's playmate last year. Still, the 29-year-old Huckaby never revealed her motive and investigators have been at a loss to explain why she did it—but the documents do help fill out a portrait of a depressed woman with a troubled past and a penchant for cutting herself. "There are so many unanswered questions that we will never know," prosecutor Thomas Testa said.

#### AARP's senior spelling title goes to Tennessee man

**CHEYENNE, Wyo.** (AP)—A 56-year-old Tennessee man has won the AARP's national spelling bee, correctly spelling "keratomileusis" to take the title. Scott Firebaugh's win came after more than nine hours and nearly 70 rounds of spelling on Saturday in Cheyenne, Wyo. The AARP says Firebaugh, of Knoxville, bested 48 other competitors older than 50. The runner-up was 53-year-old Robert Moy of New York. Third place went to David Riddle, a 57-year-old from Pacific Grove, Calif., who won the spelling bee in 2005. Last year, Firebaugh was the runner up. And the year before that, he came in third having tripped up on the word "wampumpeag," a string of polished beads or shells. His winning word this year, "keratomileusis," is a noun that means surgery to correct the cornea. The AARP bee started in 1996.

# Asia

## Suspected US strike kills 13

**MIR ALI, Pakistan** (AP)—A suspected U.S. missile strike killed 13 people Saturday in a Pakistani tribal region where several militant outfits plot attacks on Western troops across the border in Afghanistan, officials said.

A roadside bomb aimed at police elsewhere in the country's volatile northwest killed a civilian and wounded eight people. Also, gunmen opened fire on police at a court in the southern city of Karachi; one police officer and an attacker were killed.

The attacks came as U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke met with Pakistani leaders in Islamabad, the latest in a series of visits aimed at shoring up Pakistani support for the American effort in Afghanistan.

The missile, apparently fired from an unmanned drone, struck a house in Haider Khel village near North Waziristan's Mir Ali town, said two intelligence officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media on the record.

Local government official Noor Mohammad said at least 13 people had been killed, while the intelligence officials said some foreigners were among the dead. Their exact identities and nationalities were not immediately clear.

The U.S. frequently uses missile strikes to take out Taliban and al-Qaida targets in Pakistan's northwest, especially the lawless tribal regions where many insurgents hide.

This year, the vast majority of the missile strikes have landed in North Waziristan, a segment of the tribal belt that houses several militant groups that focus on attacking Western troops across the border in Afghanistan.

Pakistan publicly protests the strikes as violations of its sovereignty, and the attacks are deeply unpopular among the Pakistani people. But Islamabad is believed to assist in at least some of the missile attacks.

The U.S. doesn't publicly acknowledge the existence of the covert, CIA-run program.

During a news conference Saturday, Holbrooke said Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network had been severely degraded in recent years. But he declined to lay blame for the failure to find bin Laden or Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Omar.

## Aung San Suu Kyi turns 65 in confinement

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—Myanmar democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi marked her 65th birthday Saturday locked in her dilapidated lakeside compound as calls for her freedom erupted around the world.

President Barack Obama and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon demanded Suu Kyi's release in statements echoed at rallies and prayer vigils. Supporters threw a birthday party at the suburban Yangon home of a fellow opposition member. It was attended by more than 300 people but not the guest of honor.

Holding candles and yellow roses, they lit a birthday cake with 65 candles and released 65 doves into the sky while chanting, "Long Live Daw Aung San Suu Kyi." Plainclothes security watched and videotaped the event.

Suu Kyi has now spent 15 birthdays in detention over the past 20 years, mostly under house arrest. She is the world's only imprisoned Nobel Peace laureate.

"It is very sad that she cannot celebrate her birthday in freedom," said her lawyer Nyan Win.

Confined to her home, Suu Kyi planned to celebrate by providing a lunch of chicken curry and an Indian-style flat bread for the three dozen construction workers helping to renovate her crumbling two-story mansion, Nyan Win said.

The tight security surrounding Suu Kyi's home allowed the delivery of a birthday cake and a bouquet of roses, orchids and lilies sent by political supporters. Members of her National League for Democracy party are planting 20,000 trees around the country, mostly on the grounds of Buddhist monasteries, to mark the occasion.

## Flooding deaths rise to 132 in southern China

**BEIJING** (AP)—China says 132 people have died in flooding in nine southern provinces.

The Ministry of Water Resources said Sunday that 86 other people are missing and more than 860,000 have fled their homes. The evacuation figure is lower than Saturday's 1.4 million.

More than 10 million people have been affected by the floods. Officials said previously that number included people who were injured and those who had damaged property.

Strong storms since June 13 have collapsed reservoirs, overflowed rivers, caused landslides and power outages and damaged highways.

China's rainy season, which began in May, follows the worst drought in a century for the southern Yunnan, Guizhou and Guangxi regions.

China Central Television footage Saturday showed people stranded on rooftops of nearly completely submerged homes.

Soldiers waded through raging brown water carrying students from an elementary school in Nanping city, in the eastern province of Fujian. More than 1,000 people were evacuated from the school Saturday morning after being stranded by flooded roads, the report said.

As of 8 a.m. Saturday, 5.5 million people had been affected by flooding including injuries sustained and property losses incurred, an official at the flood control office said. He would not give his name, as is common with Chinese officials.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Hong Kong publisher halts Tiananmen memoirs

**HONG KONG** (AP)—A Hong Kong publisher said he has scrapped plans to publish an alleged insider account of Beijing's decision-making behind the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown because of copyright problems. Bao Pu said Sunday he had planned to release the alleged memoirs of former premier Li Peng in this semiautonomous Chinese territory on Tuesday, but stopped the print run on Friday. Bao said, "Relevant institutions have produced new information about the copyright holder. We have no choice but to stop right now." He declined to elaborate.

#### Manila airport night navigation instrument damaged

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP) — An instrument used to guide planes landing at night at Manila's international airport has been damaged. Several airlines have delayed their flights to arrive in daylight. Alfonso Cusi, chief of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, said a very high frequency radio transmitter was damaged early Saturday. Evening flights departing from the airport won't be affected because takeoffs rely on different instruments. He says that a notice has been sent out and some airlines with flights scheduled to arrive Saturday night have delayed their departures so that they would reach Manila during the day on Sunday. He says that technicians were rushing repairs to the instrument that guides planes approaching in the dark or during bad weather.

# World

## Yemeni militants kill 11 in brazen jailbreak

**SAN'A, Yemen** (AP)—Four suspected al-Qaida gunmen blasted their way into the intelligence headquarters of Yemen's second largest city Saturday and freed several detainees in the group's most spectacular operation since a U.S.-backed government crackdown began late last year.

The attack on the heavily protected security complex killed 11 and further bolstered U.S. concerns that Yemen's weak central government may not be up to tackling an increasingly effective foe seemingly able to strike anywhere inside or outside the country.

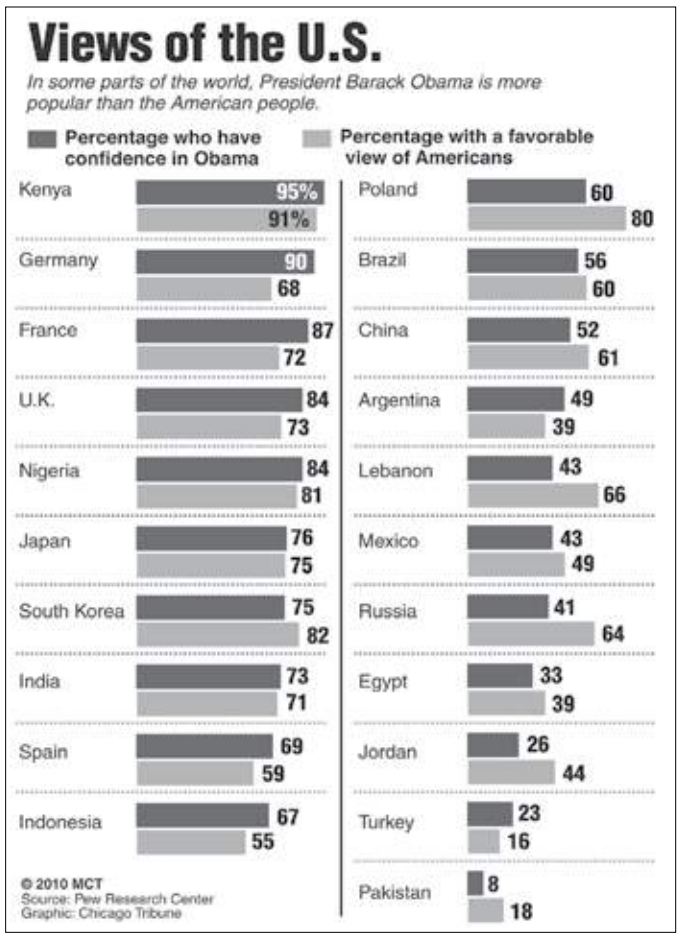
"We were hit where we least expected it," Yemeni Information Minister Hassan al-Lozy told the Al-Arabiya news channel. "This is a serious escalation from these terrorist elements."

U.S. officials say insurgents, including Americans, are training in militant camps in Yemen's vast lawless spaces and allying with powerful tribes opposed to the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Those concerns deepened last December, when al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the failed attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner.

In the wake of the Christmas attack, with U.S. aid, training and intelligence, Yemen's military and air force have struck repeatedly at al-Qaida sites and suspected hideouts, and arrested several suspects.

In a statement, the Yemeni government said the attacks bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida and resulted in the death of seven members of the security forces, three women and a child in the southern port city of Aden, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) south of the capital.




## Peru's celebrity inmate chooses isolated cell

**LIMA, Peru** (AP)—A prison compound on the dusty outskirts of Peru's capital is home to hundreds of convicts from Peru's leftist insurgency of the 1980s and 90s. It holds more than 80 foreign inmates, mostly Colombians and Mexicans there for drug-related crimes. And then there is Joran van der Sloot.

Van der Sloot

The 22-year-old Dutch murder suspect in the May 30 killing of 21-year-old Lima student Stephany Flores is passing the time watching television and exercising in a secluded section of the Miguel Castro Castro prison.

The Rev. Hector Allende, a former bank robber turned evangelical who ministers to the prison population, says other inmates are intrigued by the celebrity defendant in their midst.

But almost none can catch a glimpse of Van del Sloot, the lone suspect in the disappearance five years ago in Aruba of U.S. teen Natalee Holloway.

Van der Sloot doesn't mix with the regular population at the high-security lockup, a giant octagonal compound in the desert that holds 1,500 inmates.

The Dutchman has a cell of his own adjoining that of a reputed Colombian hit man in a nearly empty block.

The prison-mates share a TV set—the Colombian's property—and barbells fashioned from a broomstick and water-filled plastic bottles.

On Monday, a judge is scheduled to begin questioning Van der Sloot in private about the slaying of Flores, the daughter of a circus impresario and former race car driver.

He could serve between 15 and 35 years in prison if convicted of first-degree murder in the beating and strangling of Flores, which occurred at his Lima hotel room.

## Anger over power cuts leads to violence in Iraq

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—A protest over electricity shortages in oil-rich southern Iraq turned deadly when police opened fire to disperse the crowd on Saturday, killing one protester in a melee that warned of growing anger over the government's failure to provide basic services.

More than 3,000 protesters marched through Basra, which suffers from searing summer temperatures that can reach 120 degrees (50 degrees Celsius) and high humidity. They carried banners and chanted angry slogans demanding a solution to the power cuts that persist despite billions of dollars in reconstruction money since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

It was a scene that has become more frequent across the nation as patience wears thin among Iraqis struggling to cope with less than six hours of electricity a day.

But the demonstration turned violent when protesters started throwing stones and advanced on the Basra provincial council building, setting fire to a guard's cabin and prompting government security forces to fire into the air to disperse the crowd.

Police and hospital officials said one man was killed and three others wounded.

The Iraqi public has become increasingly frustrated over the government's inability to provide power, clean water and other utilities despite security gains that have led to a sharp drop in war-related violence in recent years.

# Focus

In this Feb. 14, 2010 file photo, a U.S. soldier returns fire as others run for cover during a firefight with insurgents in the Badula Qulp area, west of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan. AP

# Bad news bares the reality of AFGHANISTAN WAR

By ROBERT H. REID
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*Editor's Note: An AP News Analysis.*

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Rising death tolls, military timetables slowed. Infighting in the partner government. War-weary allies packing up to leave—and others eyeing an exit.

Events this spring—from the battlefields of Helmand and Kandahar to the halls of Congress—have served as a reality check on the Afghan war, a grueling fight in a remote, inhospitable land that once harbored the masterminds of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

The Taliban have proven resilient and won't be easily routed. Good Afghan government won't blossom any faster than flowers in the bleak Afghan deserts. Phrases like "transition to Afghan control" mask the enormous challenge ahead to make those words reality.

President Barack Obama may face a difficult choice next year: slow the withdrawal of U.S. troops that he promised would start in July 2011 or risk an Afghanistan where the Taliban have a significant political role.

This week's hearings on Capitol Hill revealed deep concern within Congress over Pentagon assurances of progress in the nearly nine-year war. Members of Congress complained of mounting casualties—at least 53 foreign troop deaths this month including 34 Americans.

That prompted Defense Secretary Robert Gates to complain about negative perceptions in Washington about the war, even though his top military officer, Adm. Mike Mullen, acknowledged "we all have angst" about the course of the conflict.

Truth lies in both camps. Bombs and battles are far less frequent in Kabul than in Baghdad during the height of the Iraq war. The major Afghan cities of Mazar-e-Sharif in the north and Herat in the west are relatively quiet.

In the countryside, however, where three-quarters of Afghanistan's nearly 30 million people live, the insurgents still wield power, moving freely among the population, operating their own Islamic courts and intimidating those who support the government.

Progress is real but scattered and incremental. All parties here predict a tough summer. July 2011 may be too soon to ensure success—even though the top NATO commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal acknowledges he's under pressure to show progress by the end of the year.

Instead of spurring the Afghans to step up to the plate, the July 2011 date has encouraged President Hamid Karzai to seek a deal with the Taliban despite U.S. misgivings that the time is right for a settlement.

"Two critical questions dominate any realistic discussion of the conflict. The first is whether the war is worth fighting. The second is whether it can be won. The answers to both questions are uncertain," former Pentagon analyst Anthony Cordesman wrote this week.

A few months ago, things seemed to have been going better. For the first time in years the tide appeared to have been turning. In February, the U.S. and its allies seized the insurgents' southern stronghold of Marjah, rushing in a local administration and promising development aid to win the loyalty of the people.

NATO and Afghan troops also delivered blows to the militants in the north and west. After Marjah, the alliance shifted attention to Kandahar, promising to ramp up security in the largest city in the south and the former Taliban headquarters.

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Within weeks, however, the Taliban were back in Marjah, threatening and assassinating those who cooperated with the Americans and their Afghan partners. The security effort in Kandahar slowed to a crawl, in large part because of public opposition to the campaign for fear it would lead to more bloodshed.

The Taliban responded by planting more of their signature weapon—roadside bombs that the military calls improvised explosive devices, or IEDs.

Those hidden bombs not only account for most of the deaths among international troops but they reduce their effectiveness in controlling territory where the Taliban operate. With so many bombs along roads and footpaths, troops on patrol can cover only a limited area since they must move slowly searching for hidden IEDs.

In April, gunmen assassinated the deputy mayor of Kandahar as he knelt for evening prayers in a mosque. This month, a car bomb killed the chief of the Kandahar district of Arghandab. Days before, a suicide bomber killed 56 people at a wedding party in the same district.

Those setbacks came as no surprise to commanders in Afghanistan, many of whom cautioned privately after Marjah that major challenges lay ahead. In the brutal calculus of war, more casualties are inevitable as the U.S. pours more troops into Afghanistan—from about 30,000 in 2008 to more than 94,000 now. About 10,000 more are due in August.

But in a war without front lines, fought in scores of small engagements scattered throughout this stark, mountainous country, it becomes difficult to quantify progress. Cities don't fall to victorious forces. Real estate doesn't change hands as in conventional wars.

Instead, the Afghan war is a battle for public support—a challenge for a foreign power absent a reliable local partner. NATO's policy of working alongside the Afghan government means each suffers a loss of prestige from the other's mistakes.

"They should leave Afghanistan because they didn't come to protect this country," Maulvi Sarajuddin, a leading cleric in Baghlan province, said of the international troops. "They came here and insecurity continues. Nothing has changed. In the past eight years, the country is more unstable and corruption has seized the throats of the Afghan people."

Securing a reliable local partner turned the tide of the Iraq war when Sunni insurgents abandoned al-Qaida and joined with the Americans just as the U.S. troop surge of 2006 and 2007 was under way.

U.S. allies gained little reassurance about the reliability of the Afghan government when Karzai—a key pillar of Obama's war strategy—this month let go two respected members of his national security team, one of whom had questioned overtures to the Taliban.

The lack of solid local allies lies at the heart of the delays in Kandahar. The local government is weak and underfunded, held hostage to tribal leaders and politically connected businessmen whose wheeling and dealing have undercut support for the central government.

Cultivating and empowering new partners takes time—a resource the U.S.-led force may not have. Support for the war in the U.S. and Europe is fading.

The Dutch plan to pull their 1,600 troops from Afghanistan by August. Canada, with about 2,800 soldiers, plans to end its combat role here next year. The Poles are pressing for NATO to draw up an exit strategy. Britain's new prime minister has expressed its support for the war but has ruled out sending more troops. The Pentagon has been pleading for months for its European allies to send more people to train Afghan forces.

Despite assurances to the contrary, many pro-government Afghans fear they may be abandoned by the U.S. after Obama's July 2011 date to start the withdrawal. They fear that time is too short for the coalition to train and equip an effective Afghan force to protect the country.

"It is better for foreign forces to stay," said Aziza Misami, a member of the provincial council in Ghazni. "Unfortunately, when the foreign troops leave, the first victim will be Afghan women because the Taliban don't like women. The second victim will be the Afghan nation."

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# Health & Fitness

# Take the bite out of summer

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Summer means the arrival of certain illnesses and infections caused by bacteria, viruses and bugs that thrive in the warm, moist environment. Although the risk of catching these diseases is low, there are some precautions to take to stay healthy.

## MOSQUITOES

### West Nile virus:

**What it is:** A viral infection that first showed up in the U.S. 10 years ago and infected thousands each summer but has dropped off dramatically in recent years.

**How it spreads:** When a mosquito feeds on a bird infected with West Nile, the mosquito can carry the virus and infect a person through a bite. It is not transmitted from person to person.

**Symptoms:** Most people who are infected never develop symptoms. About 20 percent will develop headache, fever, body aches or rash. In very rare cases, the virus can lead to encephalitis (inflammation in the brain). Last year, 32 people in the United States died of West Nile virus.

**Treatment:** Doctors can treat the symptoms, but there is no cure; most patients recover on their own.

**Prevention:** Spray insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin. Avoid being outdoors at dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. Remove all standing water from flower pots and bird baths.

**Incidence:** 720 confirmed cases in the U.S. last year.

### Dengue fever:

**What it is:** A viral infection.

**How it spreads:** Dengue is transmitted by infected mosquitoes, not person to person. Dengue is the most common cause of fever in U.S. travelers to the Caribbean, central and South America and Asia. Upon their return to the U.S., sickened travelers can infect domestic mosquitoes, who then spread it to other people.

**Symptoms:** Dengue typically causes mild illness or none at all. Symptoms can include fever, headache, severe joint pain, eye pain, rash and vomiting. Rarely, severe cases can lead to dengue hemorrhagic fever, which can be fatal.

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**Treatment:** There is no specific drug to treat dengue illness, but the symptoms usually can be treated.

**Prevention:** As with West Nile, the best prevention is avoiding mosquito bites. Researchers at St. Louis University are conducting a human clinical trial of an experimental dengue vaccine. E-mail vaccine@slu.edu or call 314-977-6333

**Incidence:** The most common mosquito-borne virus, dengue infects more than 100 million people worldwide each year, mainly in tropical regions. There were no reports of cases acquired in the U.S. before 1980. Since then, a few cases have been reported along the Texas-Mexico border. Last month, the CDC confirmed 28 cases of dengue in Key West, Fla. Other recent outbreaks have been linked to American relief workers returning from Haiti.

## TICKS

### Lyme disease:

**What it is:** A bacterial infection.

**How it spreads:** The disease is transmitted to humans by infected blacklegged ticks who in turn were infected by small rodents. It is not spread from human to human.

**Symptoms:** Fever, headache, fatigue, chills, swollen lymph nodes and a bulls-eye shaped rash in about 75 percent of cases. If untreated, the infection can produce symptoms ranging from facial paralysis, neck stiffness, dizziness and arthritis. Up to 5 percent of people who are untreated will develop neurological symptoms including pain, numbness and tingling in the extremities, and problems with memory and concentration.

**Treatment:** If the infection is caught early, a three-week course of antibiotics can usually stop its spread to joints and the nervous system.

**Prevention:** Tuck shirts into pants and pants into socks. Use insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin and permethrin on clothes (available at stores that sell outdoor equipment). Perform tick checks of the whole body, and remove any ticks with sharp tweezers. It is rare to contract Lyme disease if the tick has been on your body for fewer than 24 hours.

**Incidence:** Most reported Lyme disease cases come from New England and upper Midwestern states. All states reported 28,921 confirmed and 6,277 probable cases of Lyme disease to the CDC in 2008, a 5 percent increase over 2007.

## BATS, FERAL DOGS

### Rabies:

**What it is:** A viral disease that infects mammals.

**How it spreads:** Rabies is transmitted through the bites of wild, rabid animals.

**Incidence:** The majority of rabies cases reported to the CDC occur in wildlife, although most wild animals are not rabid. Last year in St. Louis County, Mo., 590 bats were tested; 23 had rabies. Domestic pets account for 7 percent of animal rabies cases. Human cases are extremely rare, with one or two a year nationwide. The death of a Texas County man in 2008 was the first in Missouri since 1959.

**Symptoms:** The virus infects the central nervous system and is fatal if not treated early. Early symptoms include fever, headache and weakness. Anxiety, confusion, paralysis and hallucinations can develop.

**Treatment:** If you are bitten by a wild animal, wash the area with soap and water and seek treatment immediately. Prophylactic shots can prevent rabies infection.

**Prevention:** Make sure your pets' rabies vaccinations are up to date. If you find a live or dead bat in your home, do not attempt to capture it. Call your county's health department, which will come collect the bat so it can be tested for disease.

## BACTERIA

### Bacterial meningitis:

**What it is:** An infection of the blood around the spinal cord and brain. Viral meningitis is generally less severe and tends to resolve on its own.

**How it spreads:** Bacterial meningitis is contagious in close contact among people through the exchange of saliva or respiratory secretions, although it is not as easily transmitted as the cold or flu and is not spread through the air.

**Who it affects:** Teenagers at sleep-away camp and college students living in dorms are at increased risk for meningococcal disease.

**Symptoms:** Common symptoms include fever, headache and stiff neck that may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light or an altered mental state. Rare but serious cases can result in the loss of limbs, deafness, seizures or brain damage.

**Treatment:** Early diagnosis is important to prevent severe illness and the spread of the disease. Meningococcal infections can be treated with antibiotics such as penicillin.

**Prevention:** A vaccine for bacterial meningitis protects about 90 percent of people who get it. The CDC recommends the vaccine for everyone ages 11 to 18.

**Incidence:** 1,000 to 2,600 Americans get meningococcal disease every year. About one in 10 cases is fatal.

### E. Coli:

**What it is:** A group of bacterial strains found in the intestines that are mostly harmless. Some strains can cause diarrhea and intestinal illnesses.

**How it spreads:** E. coli is spread through contact with water or food contaminated with animal feces. Raw milk, undercooked meat, swimming pools and bodies of water can all contain the bacteria. Water test results in the Lake of the Ozarks this month, for example turned up positive for high levels of E. coli.

**Symptoms:** Stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting.

**Treatment:** The symptoms can be treated with hydration. Antibiotics are generally not recommended. Most infections resolve within a week. Rarely, severe infections can lead to kidney damage and death.

**Prevention:** Wash hands with soap and water after using the bathroom or changing diapers. Avoid swallowing pool or lake water. Cook meat and wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly.

**Incidence:** There are an estimated 70,000 E. coli infections each year in the U.S. Many people who are infected don't seek medical care or aren't tested for E. coli.

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# WHO creates database on use of child medicines

**GENEVA** (AP)—The World Health Organization on Friday issued its first-ever guidance on how to use more than 240 essential medicines for children under 13.

The data provide information on use, dosage and side effects of medicines as well as warnings about which children should not take them, the U.N. health agency said. The 528-page document also tells users about common drug interactions.

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"To be effective, medicines must be carefully chosen and the dose adjusted to suit the age, weight and needs of children," said WHO's Dr Hans Hogerzeil.

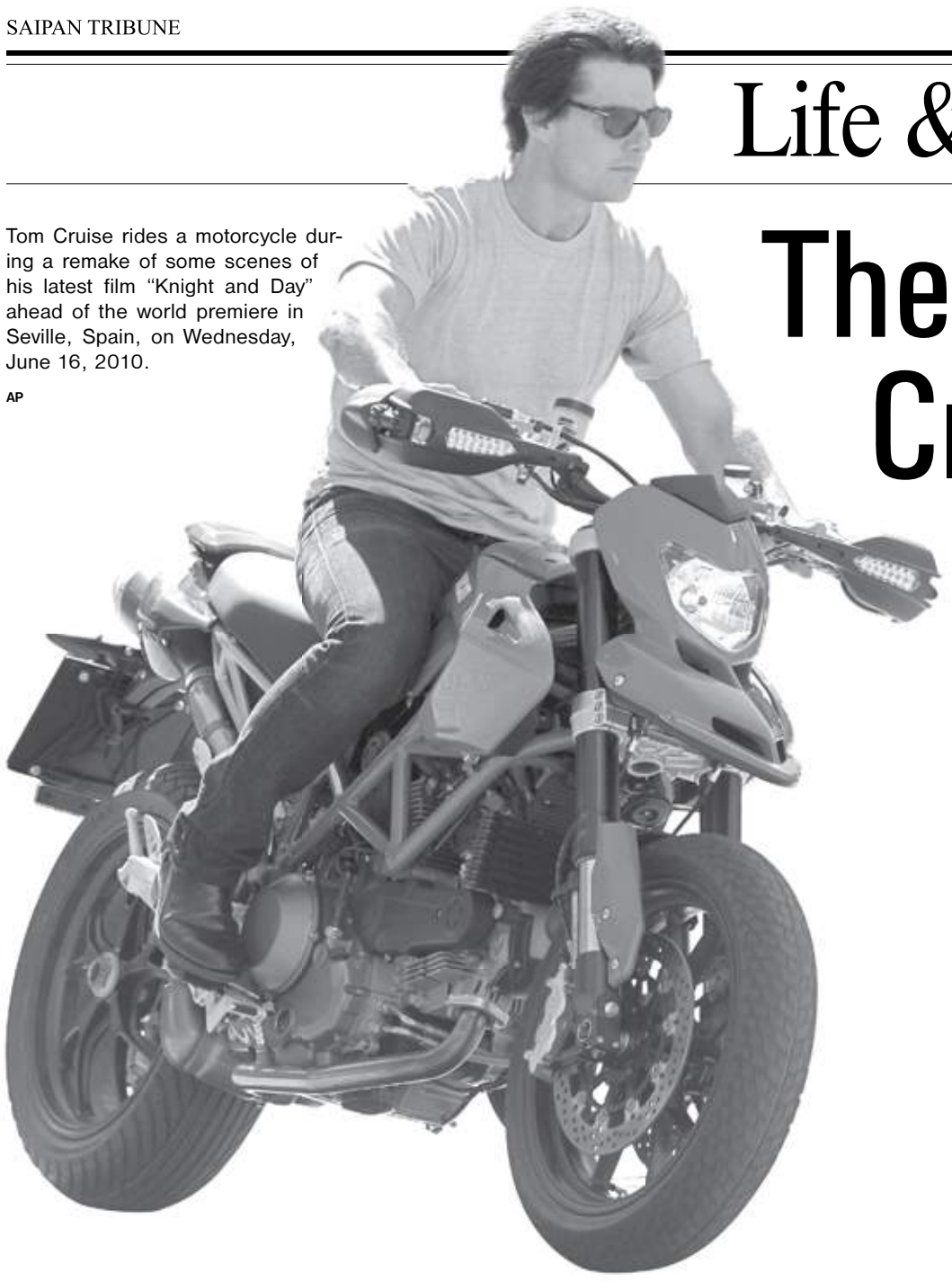
"Without a global guide, many health care professionals have had to prescribe medicines based on very limited evidence," he said in a statement.

Some countries have developed their own instructions for giving medicines to children, but there are no universal standards.

The WHO document only exists in English. But the agency recommends that governments use it as a model and translate it into their national language, spokeswoman Fadela Chaib said.

Around 8.8 million children under 5 die every year, many from diseases such as diarrhea and pneumonia that could be avoided with the correct use of medicines, according to WHO.

# Life & Style



Tom Cruise rides a motorcycle during a remake of some scenes of his latest film “Knight and Day” ahead of the world premiere in Seville, Spain, on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

AP

# The sum of Tom Cruise’s parts

**Tom Cruise has done action films. He’s done comedies. But in his 30-year career, he’s never quite done an action-comedy.**

By RAFER GUZMÁN
NEWSDAY

That makes “Knight and Day,” an otherwise typical-looking summer movie, a first of sorts for Cruise, who stars as a fugitive spy tethered to an everyday gal (Cameron Diaz). In a way, the role of Roy Miller, a wisecracking pistol-packer, is almost as much a departure as Les Grossman, the foul-mouthed movie mogul Cruise played in the 2008 comedy “Tropic Thunder.”

The actor generally seems to have a strong sense of what his audiences want, and what he is best suited to give them. He prefers to play heroes rather than villains. He has rarely taken the Meryl Streep foreign-accent route, though he did star as an Irish immigrant in the period epic “Far and Away.” He has never played a superhero, probably because when comic books began to dominate Hollywood, he was already too big a star for tights. He also has, somewhat curiously, never starred in a Western.

In the past few years, the actor’s public image has been marred by his increasingly voluble support of Scientology and some baffling behavior in public. His 2005 couch-jumping spree on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” seemed merely odd—he was waxing romantic over his future wife, Katie Holmes—but his hostile appearance on the “Today” show, during which he criticized Brooke Shields for taking a postpartum antidepressant (a Scientology no-no), was harder to forgive. Such conduct appears to be what led to his split from Paramount in 2006.

Cruise has rebuilt a store of goodwill with his newly hip Les Grossman character, though whether “Knight and Day” is the right way to capitalize on that remains to be seen. Here’s a look at Cruise’s changing personae over the years, from teen pinup to Scientology poster boy—and, perhaps, beyond.

### ■ "Risky Business" (1983)

Cruise's breakout role was a martyred cadet in 1981's "Taps," but it was this stylish comedy-drama that made him a star. What Brando did for T-shirts in "A Streetcar Named Desire," Cruise did for tighty-whities by singing Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock and Roll" in his underwear.

### ■ "Top Gun" (1986)

This Tony Scott blockbuster about a group of wannabe fighter pilots remains one of Cruise's defining films.

Its basic story—a young hotshot learns that talent isn't everything—can be traced back to the 1983 football drama "All the Right Moves" and would later resurface as "Cocktail" (1988) and "Days of Thunder" (1990), both major hits.

### ■ "Legend" (1986)

Cruise took a rare wrong turn playing Jack O'The Green, a forest dweller with a fondness for unicorns. The role of faerie hero didn't suit him, and the film was a flop. Cruise has steered clear of the fantasy genre ever since.

### ■ "Born on the Fourth of July" (1989)

Cruise poked his head into the Serious Actor club when Martin Scorsese cast him opposite Paul Newman in the pool-shark drama "The Color of Money" (1986), but it was this Oliver Stone film that earned Cruise—playing the real-life, wheelchair-bound Vietnam vet Ron Kovic—his first Academy Award nomination. (He has yet to win an Oscar.)

### ■ "Interview With the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles" (1994)

Neil Jordan's adaptation of the hugely popular Anne Rice novel should have been the "Twilight" of its day, with Cruise and Brad Pitt as hottie vampires. But audiences weren't charmed by Cruise as an aristocratic, possibly bisexual bloodsucker. So far, no sequel.

### ■ "Mission: Impossible" (1996)

Though Cruise had done some cat-and-mousing in the conspiracy-thriller "The Firm" (1993), this Brian De Palma movie gave the actor a chance to cock a pistol, ride atop a speeding train and yell things like, "Who sent you?" The movie turned Cruise into an international action star.

### ■ "Jerry Maguire" (1996)

Unexpectedly, Cruise followed up with Cameron Crowe's character-driven drama about a struggling sports agent—one of the actor's few Everyman roles. The movie became a smash and contributed numerous catchphrases to the pop-culture lexicon, including Cruise's "You complete me," Cuba Gooding Jr.'s "Show me the money" and Renee Zellweger's "You had me at 'hello.'"

### ■ "Eyes WideShut" (1999)

Eyes flew open when the legendary Stanley Kubrick chose Cruise and then-wife Nicole Kidman for his first movie in 12 years (it also would be his last). The two gave it their all, but the bizarre subject matter (ritual orgies) and Kubrick's concessions to censorship (nudes clumsily obscured via computer) left many viewers disappointed.

### ■ "War of the Worlds" (2005)

The dark tone of Steven Spielberg's sci-fi film made it a tough sell, but the real problem was Cruise's strange behavior while trying to promote the film—ultimately, he drew more attention to his Scientology beliefs. Sumner Redstone, chairman of Viacom, later ousted Cruise from Paramount Pictures, citing the actor's "conduct."

### ■ "Tropic Thunder" (2008)

In this raunchy comedy, Cruise made a surprise appearance as Les Grossman, a foul-mouthed, rap-loving movie exec—and handily stole the show. Suddenly, all was forgiven: Cruise recently brought the popular character to the MTV Movie Awards (he performed a hip-hop number with Jennifer Lopez), and he is talking to Paramount about a feature-length Les Grossman movie.

### ■ "Mission: Impossible IV" (2011)

Cruise is back onboard for this franchise. In a possible sign of damage to his A-list status, he will no longer receive guaranteed profits from the "first dollar" cut of ticket sales, according to the Los Angeles Times. Still, Cruise's salary will amount to at least $20 million upfront. Hold the career eulogies—for now.

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We, the family of the late Carla Mae Pangelinan Benavente, would like to invite all our family and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the first death anniversary of our beloved mother, daughter, and sister.

Daily mass and Holy Rosary will be at Saint Jude Church as follows:
Monday-Friday June 21-25: 6:00 PM followed by Holy Rosary
Saturday June 26: 7:00 AM followed by Holy Rosary
Sunday June 27: 8:00 AM and Holy Rosary will be at 6:00 PM
Monday June 28: 6:00 PM followed by Holy Rosary

On the final day, Tuesday, June 29, Holy Rosary will be offered at 5:30 PM followed by mass at Saint Jude Church. Dinner will be served immediately after at the family residence of Anthony and Jolene Benavente in Koblerville.

We thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

**From the Family**

# John Lennon lyrics fetch $1.2M at NYC auction

**NEW YORK** (AP)—John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the final song on the classic Beatles album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" were purchased by an American collector on Friday for $1.2 million.

The winning bid for "A Day in the Life" was placed by phone at Sotheby's auction house, which declined to identify the collector further.

The price exceeded the pre-sale estimate of between $500,000 and $800,000.

The double-sided sheet of paper features Lennon's edits and corrections in his own handwriting—in black felt marker and blue ballpoint pen, with a few annotations in red ink.

Rolling Stone magazine listed "A Day in the Life" at No. 26 in its compilation of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time and "Sgt. Pepper" won four Grammy awards in 1968.

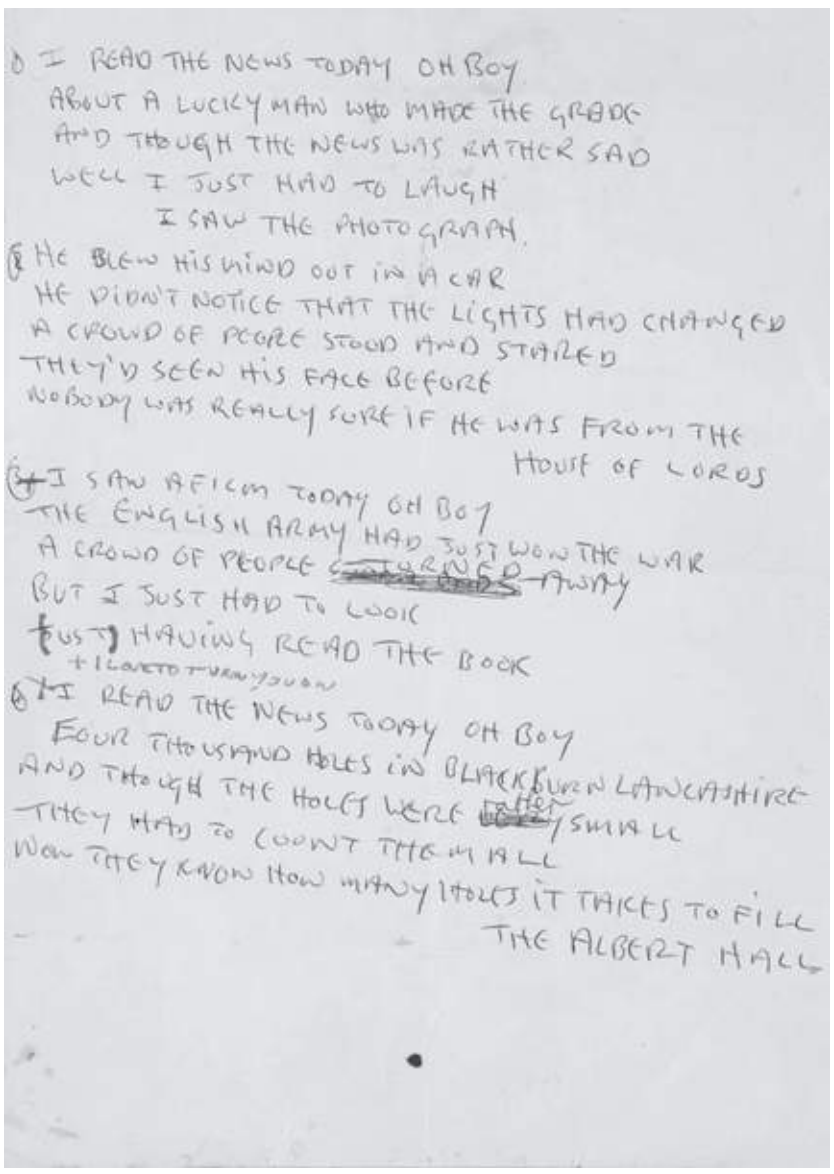
The lyrics, which begin with "I read the news today, oh boy," stirred controversy when the Beatles released the album in 1967. The song was banned by the BBC because it twice features the line, "I'd love to turn you on," which was interpreted as supporting illegal drug use. The song also was left off copies of "Sgt. Pepper's" sold in several Asian countries for the same reason.

The album's "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" was alleged to have glorified the use of the hallucinogenic LSD, a claim that band members denied.

In addition, "A Day in the Life" features the lyric "he blew his mind out in a car," which Beatles aficionados claim is a reference to the accidental death of Tara Browne, the Guinness heir and close friend of both Lennon and Paul McCartney.

The lyrics appear on both sides of the single sheet. One side has Lennon's original first draft, written in a hurried cursive script. The other side is written almost entirely in capital letters and incorporates the corrections from the first draft and adds the words, "I'd love to turn you on."

Sotheby's said the lyrics were consigned by a private collector. Friday's price came close to the $1.25 million paid in 2005 for the Beatles lyrics "All You Need is Love," it said. It sold to an anonymous bidder at the British auction house Cooper Owen.


I READ THE NEWS TODAY OH BOY
ABOUT A LUCKY MAN WHO MADE THE GRADE
AND THOUGH THE NEWS WAS RATHER SAD
WELL I JUST HAD TO LAUGH
I SAW THE PHOTOGRAPH.
HE BLEW HIS MIND OUT IN A CAR
HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT THE LIGHTS HAD CHANGED
A CROWD OF PEOPLE STOOD AND STARED
THEY'D SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE
NOBODY WAS REALLY SURE IF HE WAS FROM THE
HOUSE OF LORDS
I SAW A FILM TODAY OH BOY
THE ENGLISH ARMY HAD JUST WON THE WAR
A CROWD OF PEOPLE TURNED AWAY
BUT I JUST HAD TO LOOK
HAVING READ THE BOOK
I READ THE NEWS TODAY OH BOY
FOUR THOUSAND HOLES IN BLACKBURN LANCASHIRE
AND THOUGH THE HOLES WERE SMALL
THEY HAD TO COUNT THEM ALL
NOW THEY KNOW HOW MANY HOLES IT TAKES TO FILL
THE ALBERT HALL

AP

In this undated file photo released by Sotheby's Auction House in New York, one side of a handwritten, autographed manuscript by the late John Lennon is shown.

## 'Suge' Knight, Kanye West face off over lawsuit

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Battle-scarred rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight and volatile hip-hop star Kanye West faced off Friday over a beef involving a bullet—with a conference table between them.

The two rap titans were there for West to answer questions about a celebrity-packed Miami Beach party where an unknown gunman shot Knight in the leg. West hosted the 2005 fete at the posh Shore Club before the MTV Video Music Awards, held that year in Miami.

Knight—who promoted some of rap's biggest acts in the 1990s but has been beset by legal and financial troubles—has sued the Grammy Award-winning West and the Shore Club's owners, saying they didn't provide enough security.

Knight said Friday he had hoped a face-to-face encounter with West—and their lawyers—could settle the matter, but he got few answers.

"I figured I could sit him down, man to man, and get this resolved," Knight said after the six-hour, closed-door session at a Fifth Avenue office. "I'm disappointed."

West said he wasn't involved in the security arrangements for the party, said Knight's lawyer, Marc Brumer.

West briskly left the building afterward; his lawyers didn't immediately respond to telephone and e-mail messages left Friday evening. In court papers, West and the Shore Club ownership have denied Knight's claims of negligence.

No one has been arrested in the August 2005 shooting, which erupted in a club full of partygoers, including Jessica Alba, Eddie Murphy, the Black Eyed Peas and Paris Hilton. At least six shots were fired, police said.

The shooting shattered Knight's femur and left him with $200,000 in medical bills, Brumer said.

Knight said in his lawsuit, now being handled in Miami federal court, that West and the Shore Club should have realized the party could produce a "dangerous environment" because of a widely known history of sometimes violent feuding among rap figures.

"My whole thing is: I'm not here to put nobody behind bars," Knight said Friday, saying he mainly wanted to put the specter of rap-related violence to rest.

"It's time for more positive now," he added.

## Crowds jam Universal Orlando Harry Potter opening

**ORLANDO, Florida** (AP)—Thousands of people waited in line for hours Friday to get into The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando on its opening day, as Daniel Radcliffe and other stars from the movie greeted fans at the minipark.

Aerial photos showed thousands of people in a snaking line waiting to enter. On Twitter and other forums, observers joked that the park had become "Harry Potter and the Endless Line."

Universal Orlando spokesman Tom Schroder said the park does not divulge attendance figures, but he said 5,000 people were waiting to get in before the park even opened Friday morning.

Schroder said that despite the large numbers of fans, "it looks as if we will be able to accommodate everyone who wants to experience 'The Wizarding World of Harry Potter' within our regular hours." The park normally closes at 10 p.m.

The park was admitting guests to the 20-acre (eight-acre) Wizarding World area in waves, so it did not appear overcrowded from the inside. But the line to enter the Wizarding World snaked all the way through Universal's Islands of Adventure park, where the Harry Potter area is located.

AP

Actor Daniel Radcliffe welcomes guests during grand opening ceremonies of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando theme park in Orlando, Fla., Friday, June 18, 2010.

"It's absolutely jampacked," said Robert Niles, editor of ThemeParkInsider.com, in a phone interview, adding, "The number of people here for this is clearly in the tens of thousands. These are passionate fans."

The Wizarding World brings the popular Harry Potter books and movies to life with rides, shops and detailed reproductions of the fictitious village of Hogsmeade, the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and the steam-belching Hogwarts Express train.

Radcliffe, who plays the boy wizard in the movie series, was joined at the opening by Warwick Davis (who plays Filius Flitwick), Bonnie Wright (Ginny Weasley), Matthew Lewis (Neville Longbottom), Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy), James and Oliver Phelps (Fred and George Weasley), Rupert Grint (Ron Weasley) and Michael Gambon (Albus Dumbledore).

"What Universal Orlando has done with Harry Potter is really, really fantastic," Radcliffe said at the opening ceremony. "We're all kind of very grateful that the next part of the Harry Potter legacy has been so well-done and so well-made."

## OBITUARIES

### Mexican author Carlos Monsivais dies at age 72

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Renowned Mexican journalist, critic and political activist Carlos Monsivais died Saturday at 72.

Examining his own country like a pop anthropologist, Monsivais chronicled Mexico's historic upheavals, social trends, and literature for over 50 years. He was also known as a tireless and ubiquitous activist for leftist causes.

"He was a chronicler and witness for his era," President Felipe Calderon's office said in a statement. "We Mexicans will miss his critical, reflective and independent vision."

"I think he is one of the great minds of Mexico, and an intellectual of the left," said writer Elena Poniatowska, who was friends with Monsivais since the 1950s. "He knew about everything, politics, poetry, art."

The Health Department said Monsivais died at Mexico City's National Institute of Medical Science and Nutrition of a respiratory illness. It said he had been admitted to the hospital April 2, and his condition deteriorated in recent weeks.

Poniatowska said Monsivais is survived by several nephews. A cousin, Beatriz Sanchez Monsivais, said the writer's remains would be cremated.

### Saramago's body taken to Portugal for funeral

**LISBON, Portugal** (AP)—The body of Nobel-winning Portuguese novelist Jose Saramago arrived in his homeland Saturday for a funeral to be held in downtown Lisbon.

Saramago's remains were flown from his home on the Spanish island of Lanzarote aboard a Portuguese air force C130 transport plane accompanied by his widow and several other relatives and friends, as well as Portugal's culture minister and the novelist's biographer.

Saramago, 87, who won the 1998 Nobel literature prize and whose work is internationally admired for the clarity of its ideas despite a complex prose style, died Friday at his Lanzarote home after a long illness.

The Portuguese government has declared two days of national mourning and Saramago's coffin will be placed in the state rooms of Lisbon's city hall, the Jose Saramago Foundation said.

The foundation said the novelist's body will be cremated at Lisbon's Alto de Sao Joao cemetery at noon on Sunday, after which his ashes will be divided.

Half will be taken to his native village of Azinhaga and the rest will be placed at the foot of an olive tree in the garden of his Lanzarote home, where he spent the last 17 years of his life.

### 'Poseidon Adventure' director Ronald Neame dies

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Ronald Neame (neem), who produced and co-wrote acclaimed British films like "Great Expectations," saw Hollywood success as director of "The Poseidon Adventure" and was nominated for three Oscars, has died. He was 99.

Neame's wife Donna told The Associated Press on Friday that her husband died in a Los Angeles hospital Wednesday, about six weeks after being injured in a fall.

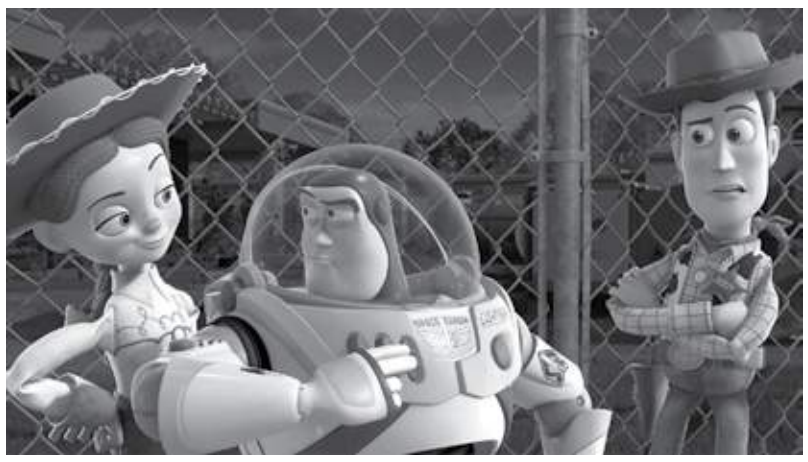
Neame began his career of more than 60 years In 1929 when he worked as a cameraman for Alfred Hitchcock on the first British sound film, 1929's "Blackmail."

He was nominated for Oscars with director David Lean as co-writer of 1945's "Brief Encounter" and 1946's "Great Expectations."

He went on to direct the acclaimed 1969 film "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and the critically panned 1972 box office hit "The Poseidon Adventure."

# 'Toy Story 3' lives up to buzz with $41M opener

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—"Toy Story 3" has become the favorite plaything for moviegoers as the animated sequel heads to a $100-million-plus opening weekend.



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In this film publicity image released by Disney, from left, Jessie, voiced by Joan Cusack, Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Tim Allen and Woody, voiced by Tom Hanks are shown in a scene from, "Toy Story 3."

The latest hit from Disney's Pixar Animation took in $41 million in its first day Friday, according to studio estimates.

That puts "Toy Story 3" on track to join "Shrek 2" and "Shrek the Third" as the only animated films to top $100 million in their debut weekends.

Reuniting voice stars Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, "Toy Story 3" will easily pass Pixar's previous best opening of $70.5 million for "The Incredibles."

The weekend's other new wide release bombed. "Jonah Hex," the Warner Bros. comic book adaptation starring Josh Brolin, took in just under $2 million on opening day.

# Angelina Jolie makes low-profile visit to Haiti

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—Actress Angelina Jolie has quietly returned to Haiti for meetings with Haitian and U.N. officials.

The weekend visit by the "goodwill ambassador" for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was not announced to keep it low-profile.

U.N. officials confirmed the visit when asked by The Associated Press. They agreed to discuss the trip only if not quoted by name because they were asked not to share details of Jolie's visit.

Jolie has visited Haiti several times. In February she met with orphans and other earthquake victims.

The actress had just come from a village on Ecuador's border with Colombia to highlight the abuses suffered by women and children refugees.

The actress and U.N. human rights goodwill ambassador returned for the first time in eight years to a turbulent region where thousands of Colombian refugees live.

She ended her two-day visit Friday with a meeting in Shushufindi with President Rafael Correa and other senior government officials.

On Thursday, Jolie was in the isolated border hamlet of Barranca Bermeja. The U.N. says one of the women she met had lost two children in Colombia's conflict.

AP

In this Nov. 5, 2006 photo, actress and United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie poses in New Delhi, India.

# Company, estate to help cover LA Jackson memorial

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The estate of Michael Jackson and entertainment company AEG agreed to contribute $1.3 million to help cover public costs related to the pop star's memorial service last year at Staples Center, officials said.

AEG President Timothy J. Leiweke and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said Friday in a joint statement that $1 million will be provided to the city's general fund, and the rest of the money will go to the Los Angeles Police Foundation for crime-fighting equipment.

"It was important to us that all parties agreed that this was not an obligation but a choice we believed was important to make at a time when thousands of city employees are being reduced," Leiweke said in the release.

Jim Bates, who handles media inquiries for the Jackson estate, said he would not comment beyond the release from AEG.

# Koppel's son died from overdose of drugs, alcohol

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The son of former ABC News anchor Ted Koppel, who was found dead in a stranger's apartment after a day of bar-hopping, overdosed on a lethal combination of drugs and alcohol, the medical examiner's office said Friday.

Andrew Koppel's May 31 death was ruled an accident. He died from acute intoxication due to the combined effects of alcohol; heroin; cocaine; diazepam, the generic form of Valium; and Levamisole, a drug used to cut other drugs, said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner's office. Police had said no criminality was suspected.

The 40-year-old Koppel had been out most of May 30 drinking heavily with Russell Wimberly. Wimberly, who initially said they had met for the first time that day, said Friday they had known each other about a month. He would not comment further.

Koppel was eventually taken up to an apartment to sleep it off, said Belinda Caban, who lives in the apartment and said she didn't know Koppel.

Caban told The Associated Press earlier this month that she and Wimberly spent the next few hours talking, and he went in to check on Koppel and said he was snoring. After six hours, she told Wimberly it was time to go and for him to take Koppel home. She said when they went to the bedroom to rouse Koppel, he wasn't moving, so they called 911. She said paramedics estimated Koppel had been dead for four hours. Caban didn't answer a call Friday seeking comment.

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### 2nd mistrial declared in McConaughey surf battle

**MALIBU, Calif.** (AP)—A judge has declared a mistrial for a second time in a misdemeanor battery case against two surfers accused of attacking a photographer who tried to photograph actor Matthew McConaughey on a Malibu beach. Jurors deadlocked Friday in the case against Skylar Peak and Philip Hildebrand. Malibu Superior Court Judge Lawrence Mira ordered both sides to return to court July 2 when the prosecution is expected to announce whether it plans to retry the case. The judge declared the first mistrial March 29 after being told that Peak's mother was seriously injured in a car crash. The photographer told authorities he was attacked and his camera thrown in the ocean when he tried to take photos of the "Fool's Gold" and "Failure to Launch" star.

### Kilmer ruffles feathers in northern New Mexico

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** (AP)—No words were minced in the 1993 Western film "Tombstone" when Ed Bailey tells slick gambler and gunslinger Doc Holliday - played by actor Val Kilmer - to scram after their poker game went sour. Bailey tells Holliday, "I'm tired of listening to your mouth." Some of Kilmer's real-life northern New Mexico neighbors share Bailey's sentiments. They're upset with him, saying he made disparaging comments about San Miguel County and chased away people fishing on the Pecos River at his ranch. Now, Kilmer has been asked to appear before county commissioners to explain himself on Wednesday. Calls and e-mails to Kilmer and his publicist have not been returned, but commission chairman David Salazar says the actor has indicated he will show up.

### Asian filmmakers offered $100,000 grants

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hollywood's leading industry group and an Australian film awards event have joined to offer grants for Asian filmmakers worth $100,000. The Motion Picture Association Asia Pacific is an arm of the Motion Picture Association of America. It said in a statement late Saturday that it will offer four $25,000 grants a year, along with the Asia Pacific Screen Awards, or APSA, an annual prize ceremony run by the Queensland state government. The grants are open to APSA nominees, winners and jury members to develop new projects. The first recipients will be announced at the next APSA ceremony, scheduled on Queensland's Gold Coast on Dec. 2.

### CNN to air telethon to aid Gulf oil spill victims

**NEW YORK** (AP)—CNN and Larry King are presenting a telethon Monday to benefit victims of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Celebrities on the special two-hour edition of "Larry King Live" will include Justin Bieber (BEE'-bur), Ted Danson, Cameron Diaz, Randy Jackson and Robert Redford, as well as a performance by Sting. CNN said Friday that guests will visit with King on set and by satellite. They will also participate in the program's telephone banks taking viewer calls. Ryan Seacrest will host an online suite for viewers using social media like Facebook. "Disaster in the Gulf: How You Can Help" is aimed at raising funds for the United Way, National Wildlife Federation and The Nature Conservancy. The telethon will air 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern.

# 'Cool' helmets will make summer riders much safer

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Please remind parents and teenagers that it is "cool" to wear a helmet when riding bikes and skateboards. A child in our town died recently after suffering a head injury, and we have just received word that the son of a close friend (age 23) has started having seizures because of a head injury he suffered as a teen after falling from a skateboard.

I had my grandson decorate his helmet. All his friends thought it looked great, and that made it "cool" to wear it. With summer here and kids outside, wearing a helmet cannot be stressed enough.

VIGILANT GRANDMA OUT WEST

**DEAR GRANDMA: You are not only a vigilant grandma, but also a clever one. Falls are common among bike riders, skateboarders, Rollerbladers, and those who drive and ride all-terrain vehicles. According to the Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery Network, an estimated 7 million Americans seek medical care every year for injuries sustained during sports or recreation-related activities, an estimated 4.3 million of whom are treated in emergency rooms. The highest rates of sports- and recreation-related injuries are among adolescents 10 to 14 years of age.**

**When a child's head hits cement, wood or hard-packed dirt, the result can be a traumatic injury that leads to concussion, permanent brain injury or even death. That is why children who participate in sports should be strongly encouraged to wear protective headgear at all times.**

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DEAR ABBY: Some friends who live out of state just left, after inviting themselves to stay at our home while they attended to family business. We live in a town with many hotels. We enjoy their company, but when we visited them last year, we stayed at their bed and breakfast (at their invitation) and were charged $175 a night even though there were empty rooms at their inn.

My wife says I should shut up, but I feel used. Your thoughts?

MIFFED IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR MIFFED: Your feelings are accurate. You welcomed this couple as friends; they welcomed you as paying guests. Now that you know this about them, treat them accordingly. The next time they invite themselves to your home, tell them you'd love to visit with them while they're in town and refer them to a hotel.**

**P.S. If this has happened more than once, it could only be because you allowed it.**

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old mother of three, married to my husband for 15 years. I am active in my church and community and live a good, decent life.

My 20th college reunion is coming up in September. I lived a wild life in college, drank too much and was promiscuous. I would like to attend the reunion with my husband, who is also an alumnus. While I will love seeing old friends, I feel apprehensive because I will be among some people I once had relations with.

Abby, I am not the same person I was back then. Part of me wants to go to the reunion to show that I have changed. My husband is aware of my past and accepts it. Should I go?

DIFFERENT NOW IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR DIFFERENT NOW: Go! I'm sure you won't be the only person there who was "wild" when you were younger. Show up, have a good time, and let bygones be bygones.**

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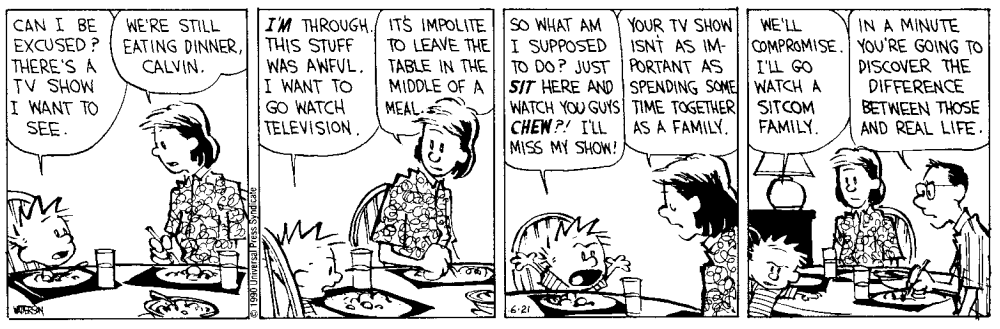
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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WE'RE STILL EATING DINNER, CALVIN.
I'M THROUGH. THIS STUFF WAS AWFUL. I WANT TO GO WATCH TELEVISION.
IT'S IMPOLITE TO LEAVE THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MEAL.
SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? JUST SIT HERE AND WATCH YOU GUYS CHEW?! I'LL MISS MY SHOW!
YOUR TV SHOW ISN'T AS IMPORTANT AS SPENDING SOME TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.
WE'LL COMPROMISE. I'LL GO WATCH A SITCOM FAMILY.
IN A MINUTE YOU'RE GOING TO DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE AND REAL LIFE.
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## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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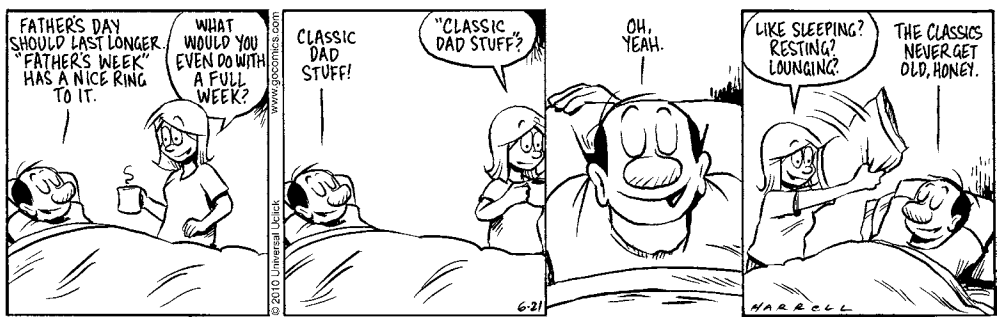
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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WHAT WOULD YOU EVEN DO WITH A FULL WEEK?
CLASSIC DAD STUFF!
"CLASSIC DAD STUFF?"
OH, YEAH.
LIKE SLEEPING? RESTING? LOUNGING?
THE CLASSICS NEVER GET OLD, HONEY.
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HARRELL

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

ENO, EITHER YOU START DOING THE LAUNDRY OR ELSE TELL THE GIRL YOU'RE DATING TO BE MORE CARFFUL WHEN YOU GUYS ARE SNUGGLING. SHE GOT MASCARA ALL OVER THIS SHIRT!
OKAY! OKAY! I'LL TELL HER. NOW CLOSE THE DOOR ON YOUR WAY OUT!
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## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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# Johnson builds 3-shot lead, Woods 5 behind

Dustin Johnson hits a drive during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament Saturday, June 19, 2010, at the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif.

AP

**PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.** (AP)—Tiger Woods poured in one birdie after another, more than he had ever made in one round of the U.S. Open, each of them followed by cheers that could be heard down the Pacific coastline at Pebble Beach.

Dustin Johnson didn't realize they were for Woods. He played like he didn't care.

Johnson turned in a prime-time performance of his own Saturday in the U.S. Open, overpowering Pebble Beach and closing with two birdies for a 5-under 66 to build a three-shot lead over Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland.

"If I keep hitting like I've been hitting ... then I'm going to be tough to beat," Johnson said.

He usually is at Pebble Beach.

Johnson is the two-time defending champion at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, and he looks just as tough when the conditions are fast and scary and a U.S. Open trophy is on the line.

All he lacks is the experience of 14 majors that Woods brings to the final round on Sunday.

Nine shots out of the lead after a pair of sloppy bogeys early in his round, Woods came to life by making the clutch putts and hitting the extraordinary shots that have been missing since he returned to competition two months ago.

Woods finally looked like the Woods of old, closing out his round with three straight birdies, none more Tiger-like than the par-5 18th. Blocked by a cypress tree from about 260 yards away with the ocean breeze in his face, Woods sent his 3-wood around the left side of the tree, out toward the Pacific and onto the green 15 feet from the pin for his eighth birdie of the round.

He shot a 66, his best score of the year, and his 31 on the back nine was eight shots better than the course average.

"It's been a while," Woods said. "I hadn't played good enough for anyone to cheer anything. So it was nice to actually put it together on the back nine and put myself right back in the championship."

It was a brilliant display that gave him a shot at his 15th major championship and fourth U.S. Open, the second at Pebble.

Then along came Johnson, who made it more of a long shot for Woods with two final birdies that put him at 6-under 207, five shots clear of the world's No. 1 player.

In between them was McDowell, who struggled down the stretch, fell out of the lead on the 17th and finished with a 71. McDowell will play in the final group with Johnson, neither of them with experience contending in a major.

Ahead of them will be a familiar red shirt, with a game that is starting to look familiar, too.

"All the Opens that I've won, I've had one stretch of nine holes ... were you put it together," Woods said. "That's what most Open champions have done. And I did it today."

Johnson, who played a practice round with Woods on Monday, isn't the type to get flustered. Asked how he would feel on Sunday with a chance to win his first major, the 25-year-old from South Carolina smiled as if he knew he had a winning hand.

"I think I'm going to feel good," he said.

Woods has been raving about Johnson's power all week, having played the final round of the Memorial with him and the practice round on Monday, after which Woods called him "stupid long."

Johnson showed that Saturday.

The USGA moved the tees forward on No. 4 to make it play 284 yards up the hill and tempt players to try to drive the green. Johnson did just that - with a 3-iron to four feet for an eagle. And on the 18th, the same hole where Woods hit 3-wood off the tee and 3-wood onto the green for the loudest cheer of the day, Johnson got there with a driver and a 6-iron.

"Length is an advantage a lot of places, but definitely here, especially if I'm hitting it in the fairway," Johnson said. "Because the ball is going a long way. I'm hitting it extra far."

Johnson, McDowell and Woods were the only three players who remained under par, while Ernie Els (72) and Gregory Havret of France (69) were at even-par 213.

Phil Mickelson stumbled at the start, nearly fell apart along the coastal holes when he had to play one shot right-handed, and had to scramble for par on the closing hole when his tee shot bounced off the rocks and rolled back down on the beach.

Mickelson, runner-up in the U.S. Open a record five times, wound up with a 73 and was seven shots out of the lead.

"I didn't hit it as well as I did yesterday, so I had to fight pretty hard to get some up-and-downs—some ridiculous up-and-downs—to keep it within striking distance," said Mickelson, who was at 1-over 214.

Mickelson normally would settle for 1-over par going into the last round of a U.S. Open. He just didn't expect Johnson, one of his regular practice partners, to surge so far ahead.

"But anything can happen on Sunday," Mickelson said. "And if you make a move, you can make up a lot of ground."

That's exactly what Woods did.

After bogeys on the second and third holes, he ran off birdies on the next three and made the turn in even par. Birdies on the 11th and 13th holes got him closer to the conversation, and the final three holes set off a series of cheers that could be heard from all corners of the peninsula.

He rolled in a 12-foot birdie from the 16th, then made the downhill 15-footer from the fringe of the 17th, raising his index finger in the air.

The old Tiger showed up on the 18th hole.

Blocked behind a pair of cypress trees and hitting into an ocean breeze, Woods hit a 3-wood toward the Pacific and urged it on toward the green. "C'mon! C'mon!" he screamed at it, and followed that with a "Yes!" when it stopped in easy two-putt birdie range.

"I was hitting shots like this every now and again," Woods said. "I would get into two-, three-hole stretches, but I haven't strung it out for more than that. And today, I did."

Even so, history is working against him.

Woods has never won any of his 14 majors when he wasn't at least tied for the lead going into the final round. He at least gave himself a chance. And while he won by a record 15 shots the last time the U.S. Open was played at Pebble Beach, in 2000, he rallied from a five-shot deficit earlier that year to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, a tournament he no longer plays.

The USGA pushed back the starting times so the third round could be broadcast in prime time on the East Cost, just like two years ago at Torrey Pines. Woods delivered quite a show that day by turning a five-shot deficit into a one-shot lead.

Early Saturday, it looked like McDowell would be the one putting on a show.

He quickly built a four-shot lead with birdies on the opening two holes and looked unflappable until Johnson took over on No. 7 with a lob wedge within a foot for birdie. McDowell got the lead back with a birdie on the ninth, where Johnson missed a three-footer for par, and the two were tied on the 17th until McDowell missed the green and took bogey while Johnson was making birdie.

Another birdie to finish, and, just like that, Johnson was three shots ahead.

"He was awesome today," McDowell said. "He really just stood up and had no fear, hit the shots—hit all the shots. He's going to go home and sleep on a three-shot lead, and we'll see how he feels tomorrow morning. If he turns up tomorrow like he did today, he's going to be tough to beat."

## NBA BRIEFS

### Manute Bol, NBA player-humanitarian, dies at 47

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—Manute Bol, a lithe 7-foot-7 shot-blocker from Sudan who spent 10 seasons in the NBA and was dedicated to humanitarian work in Africa, died Saturday. He was 47. Bol died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, where he was being treated for severe kidney trouble and a painful skin condition, Tom Prichard, executive director of the group Sudan Sunrise, said in an e-mail "Sudan and the world have lost a hero and an example for all of us," Prichard said. "Manute, we'll miss you. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all his family, and all who mourn his loss." Bol played in the NBA with Washington, Golden State, Philadelphia and Miami, averaging 2.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.3 blocks for his career. He led the league in blocks in 1985-86 with Washington (5.0 per game) and in 1988-89 with Golden State (4.3 a game) "Manute's impact on this city, our franchise and the game of basketball cannot be put into words," 76ers president and general manager Ed Stefanski said in a statement. "He ... was continually giving of himself through his generosity and humanitarian efforts in order to make the world around him a much better place, for which he will always be remembered. Bol joined the NBA with Washington in 1985 and played three seasons there. He returned to the team briefly toward the end of his career. The Wizards lauded him as a "true humanitarian and an ambassador for the sport of basketball."

### LeBron makes dramatic appearance at Akron rally

**AKRON, Ohio** (AP)—LeBron James turned his big bash into a surprise party. With thousands of hometown fans already gone or leaving "LeBron Appreciation Day" on Saturday, James stunned everyone by walking through a side gate into nearly empty InfoCision Stadium on the University of Akron's campus—after the event officially ended. As fans screamed and pushed to get closer to the two-time NBA MVP, James, who lives a short drive from the school, made his way down to the playing field. James was then presented with a gorgeous crystal trophy, which had to be pulled out of a box after being packed away. "Akron is my home, it's my life," James told the crowd after accepting the city's first Hometown Hero Award. "Everything I do is for this city. I'm going to continue to do great things. I love every last one of you all. Akron is home." James was then escorted through a door to the football team's locker room and waved to fans before disappearing almost as quickly as he arrived. Before James' shocking entrance, nearly 4,000 fans celebrated all things LeBron. They came to honor the local kid, who has put Akron on the map but who will soon decide if he wants to stay with the Cleveland Cavaliers or sign with another team. James has remained noncommittal about his future, and is not expected to address his plans before free agency begins on July 1. The 25-year-old did not commit to organizers that he would be at the event, which was sponsored by local businesses and the city. He did not address free agency during his 10-minute stay, his second public appearance since his season ended with a second-round playoff loss to the Boston Celtics.

# Manny homers at Fenway, but Red Sox win in 9th

**BOSTON** (AP)—Dustin Pedroia singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning as Boston overcame Manny Ramirez's homer to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Boston improved to 7-1 on a nine-game homestand and will go for a three-game sweep Sunday.

Ramirez homered in his second game back at Fenway Park against his former team, a sixth-inning solo shot off knuckleballer Tim Wakefield. The enigmatic slugger also had his first stolen base since 2008.

Victor Martinez had a two-run homer and Kevin Youkilis a solo shot for the Red Sox, who committed four errors.

AP

Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia, center, celebrates with teammates, from left, Daniel Nava, Jonathan Papelbon, David Ortiz, Darnell McDonald, and Clay Buchholz after hitting an RBI single to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Saturday, June 19, 2010, in Boston.

### Rays 9, Marlins 8

At Miami, B.J. Upton and Reid Brignac each drew bases-loaded walks in a four-run 11th inning against Jorge Sosa as the Tampa Bay Rays endured a slew of bizarre late-inning occurrences to beat the Florida Marlins 9-8 on Saturday.

Carl Crawford had four hits and scored three runs for the Rays, who—perhaps fittingly on horn night—blew a 5-2 lead in the eighth.

James Shields (6-6), making the first relief appearance of his 133-game career, threw a scoreless 10th for Tampa Bay and was one of nine pitchers the Rays used in the 4-hour, 36-minute contest. Andy Sonnanstine got three outs for his first career save.

Sosa (1-2) walked four and was charged with four runs in two-thirds of an inning. Six Florida relievers combined to issue 11 walks.

### Twins 13, Phillies 10, 11 innings

At Philadelphia, Joe Mauer hit a tying homer off Brad Lidge to cap a five-run rally in the ninth inning and Delmon Young drove in the go-ahead run in the 11th to lead Minnesota over Philadelphia.

Pinch-hitter Jim Thome cracked a two-run homer in the ninth off Phillies reliever Jose Contreras. Two outs later, Mauer's two-run drive off Lidge tied it at 9.

Drew Butera's first career home run, also a pinch-hit shot, gave the Twins a 10-9 lead in the 10th, but pinch-hitter Ross Gload hit a tying homer off closer Jon Rauch (2-1) with two outs in the bottom half.

### Yankees 5, Mets 3

At New York, Mark Teixeira and Curtis Granderson each hit a two-run homer, and Phil Hughes became the American League's second 10-game winner as the New York Yankees ended the Mets' eight-game winning streak.

Hughes (10-1) gave up two early home runs to Jose Reyes, but the Yankees quickly came back against Mike Pelfrey (9-2) to snap a three-game skid.

Hughes went seven innings and tied Tampa Bay's David Price for the AL lead in wins. Joba Chamberlain pitched a scoreless eighth and Mariano Rivera worked a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances.

### Pirates 6, Indians 4

At Pittsburgh, Lastings Milledge drove in four runs and Andrew McCutchen scored four times as Pittsburgh avoided matching its longest single-season losing streak in 120 years, ending a 12-game skid.

McCutchen reached base five times with a triple, single and three walks. Pedro Alvarez drove in a key run with his first career hit, a double, as the Pirates opened a 5-1 lead in the fifth inning of the rain-delayed game.

Milledge singled in a run off David Huff (2-9) in the first and tripled in two more in the third. Milledge and Alvarez had successive RBI doubles in the fifth after a McCutchen walk, with Alvarez's opposite-field line drive down the left-field line making it 5-1.

Russell Branyan hit a three-run homer for Cleveland.

### Angels 12, Cubs 0

At Chicago, Howie Kendrick hit a leadoff homer to start a big day for the Los Angeles Angels' offense as Jered Weaver pitched seven stellar innings in a rout of the struggling Chicago Cubs.

Juan Rivera cracked a three-run double to cap a four-run first against Ted Lilly (2-6), who took a no-hitter into the ninth inning of his previous start.

Torii Hunter added a two-run homer and Kendrick drove in three runs for the Angels, who improved to an AL-best 18-6 since May 24 and earned their 12th victory in 14 road games. Bobby Abreu had four hits.

### White Sox 1, Nationals 0

At Washington, Jake Peavy pitched a three-hitter for his fourth career shutout as the Chicago White Sox beat Washington for their season-high fifth straight victory.

Peavy (6-5), whose scheduled start Thursday was pushed back two days because of an achy right shoulder, walked two and struck out seven as the White Sox moved within a game of .500 (33-34) for the first time since April 14, when they were 4-5.

The right-hander, who is 6-1 in his last seven starts against NL clubs, retired 20 Nationals in a row after Roger Bernadina's second-inning single. His previous shutout was Aug. 23, 2005, a 2-0 win for San Diego over Houston.

Carlos Quentin's RBI single in the fourth sent the Nationals to their season-worst sixth consecutive defeat. A.J. Pierzynski had three hits for Chicago, which has won nine of 10 overall.

### Blue Jays 3, Giants 0

At Toronto, Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer to snap a scoreless tie in the eighth inning as Toronto beat San Francisco.

Hill connected off Matt Cain with two outs for his 10th home run this season. The Blue Jays lead the majors with 105.

Alex Gonzalez added an RBI single to make it 3-0.

Shawn Camp (2-1) pitched one inning of relief for the win and Kevin Gregg closed it out for his 18th save in 21 chances.

### Braves 5, Royals 4

At Atlanta, Troy Glaus hit a leadoff homer in the bottom of the ninth inning as Atlanta beat Kansas City for its fourth straight victory.

Brian McCann also homered for the Braves, who have won 13 of 14 at home to improve to 23-7 at Turner Field.

Royals starter Zack Greinke, last year's AL Cy Young Award winner, allowed four runs—three earned—and six hits in seven innings.

### Rangers 5, Astros 1

At Houston, Colby Lewis pitched a two-hitter for his first complete game and rookie Justin Smoak homered for the second straight day as Texas downed Houston to extend its season-best winning streak to seven.

Smoak drove in three runs. His two-run shot in the second that landed in the second deck in right field gave Texas an early lead.

Young added a solo homer in the ninth.

### Cardinals 4, Athletics 3

At St. Louis, Adam Wainwright threw eight sharp innings and Jason Motte struck out Adam Rosales with the potential tying run in scoring position, preserving St. Louis' victory over Oakland.

Matt Holliday homered and drove in three runs for the second straight day for St. Louis, which has won four of five. He hit a tiebreaking double in the fifth and a two-run homer off Ben Sheets (2-7) in the seventh that made it 4-1.

### Diamondbacks 6, Tigers 5

At Detroit, Edwin Jackson pitched into the eighth inning against his former team as Arizona snapped a franchise-record 14-game road losing streak by beating Detroit.

Magglio Ordonez hit an RBI double in the ninth to trim the Diamondbacks' lead to one but Aaron Heilman struck out Miguel Cabrera for his first save, ending the Tigers' seven-game winning streak.

Mark Reynolds and Miguel Montero homered for Arizona, which earned its first road win since May 17 at Florida.

### Mariners 5, Reds 1

At Seattle, Felix Hernandez threw a five-hitter and Michael Saunders hit a three-run homer to lead Seattle over Cincinnati.

Hernandez (5-5) struck out nine and walked one in his second complete game of the season and ninth of his career. The Mariners beat the Reds 1-0 on Friday night on a six-hitter by Cliff Lee.

Ichiro Suzuki went deep for the Mariners.

### Orioles 5, Padres 4

At San Diego, Adam Jones hit a two-run homer that gave Kevin Millwood his first victory of the season as Baltimore held on for the win.

Millwood (1-8) lost his first eight decisions of the season, the longest skid of his career. He dropped each of his previous four starts for the Orioles, who at 19-49 have the worst record in the major leagues.

### Rockies 8, Brewers 7

At Denver, what started as another low-scoring affair for two scuffling offenses turned into a wild slugfest with Seth Smith leading Colorado over Milwaukee.

The Rockies were down by three entering the seventh but scored seven times over the next two innings to take an 8-4 lead into the ninth that Corey Hart trimmed to one with a single swing, his 18th homer coming off Manny Corpas with two outs.

Left-hander Franklin Morales was brought in to face Prince Fielder, who walked on four pitches. So, in came right-hander Rafael Betancourt to face Ryan Braun, who doubled to put runners at second and third for Casey McGehee, who was intentionally walked.

## NFL BRIEFS

### Seymour signs $12.4M franchise tag with Raiders

**ALAMEDA, Calif.** (AP)—Defensive lineman Richard Seymour signed his $12.4 million exclusive franchise tag tender with the Oakland Raiders on Saturday. The move means all of the Raiders' veterans are under contract for next season. The team announced the signing on its website, adding that the process of signing rookies would begin soon. By placing the tag on Seymour in February, the Raiders guaranteed Seymour a salary for next season of at least $12.398 million, which was the average salary earned last year by the five highest-paid defensive ends in the league. Seymour, 31, was not allowed to negotiate with other teams so it was inevitable that he would return to the Raiders. Coach Tom Cable said the sides had been working on a long-term deal during the offseason but Seymour signed the one-year deal instead. Because Seymour was not under contract, he missed Oakland's entire offseason program.

### Saints' Brown signs tender, shipped to Redskins

**METAIRIE, La.** (AP)—The New Orleans Saints traded two-time Pro Bowl tackle Jammal Brown to the Washington Redskins on Saturday in a complex deal involving draft picks. In exchange for Brown, who missed last season with a hip injury and sports hernia, the Redskins will give the Saints a selection in either the third or fourth round of next year's draft, depending on which of those two picks ends up being sent to the Philadelphia Eagles in the Donovan McNabb trade. The Redskins will also receive a yet-to-be-determined pick from the Saints in the lower rounds of the 2011 draft. In addition, Washington will send a 2012 sixth-round pick to New Orleans if Brown meets certain incentives. Brown, a restricted free agent, signed his $3.62 million tender offer before the trade.

### 49ers' Smith making progress

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** (AP)—Quarterback Alex Smith raised his arms Friday morning after connecting with Michael Crabtree down the field after the wide receiver got behind defenders. The 49ers hope that is a sign of things to come from their sixth-year quarterback. Smith completed a strong performance this spring with another solid week of practice, continuing to assert himself behind center as the 49ers concluded their offseason program with a series of minicamp practices. The rest of his teammates aren't far behind. Coach Mike Singletary was so satisfied with his team's progress that he canceled Saturday's scheduled practices of what was supposed to be a three-day minicamp session. The 49ers are now off until rookies report for training camp on July 30. "These guys have worked their tails off all offseason," Singletary said. "I'm very pleased with where we are, so I want to finish today."

## MARIANAS

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left with Cunliffe leading the attack and finding himself inside the penalty box. Two CNMI defenders faced Cunliffe, while Nelson instead of leaning to his left opted to move to his right to provide help defense in case the Guam forward decided to inch in closer and pass his defenders.

Nelson had been successful in running after Guam attackers and quickly diving for the ball in the first half and in the opening minutes of the second half. However, this time Cunliffe read the defense well and instead of moving in closer, he stopped and made a cross kick to the right where CNMI defenders were unavailable to block the shot. Nelson made a last-ditch effort of saving the ball, but was unsuccessful.

Cunliffe knocked down the equalizer in the 89th minute and with only a minute left in the match, Jason Schroeder had two chances to score from the left corner, but just could not get the ball to roll in.

When the game ended past 7pm, it took match commissioners a while to decide how to resolve the draw. Stressing the importance of players' safety and considering the inadequate lighting at the pitch, officials, in consultation with both teams, decided to call it a night and declare the CNMI and Guam as co-champions of theMarianas Cup.

Saipan hosted the Marianas Cup for the second time since its inception in 2007. In the first three editions, Guam came out the winner all the time.

Guam and the CNMI's fortunes seemed headed for a switch Saturday afternoon, as the host turned out to be the aggressor at the start of the match.

The CNMI surprisingly dominated possession in the first half and each time the home team had the ball and went for an attack, it drew loud cheers from the crowd, majority of whom obviously rooted for the Commonwealth's strikers.

The loudest roar came when Miller lit up the scoreboard on a shot inside the penalty box. Yikiomi Adachi started the offensive play when he sprinted to the left corner and made a pass to Miller in the center. Guam goalie Brett Maluweng then saw Miller moving closer, so the former gambled on stealing the ball before the latter could hit it. Maluweng paid a dear prize for the gambit, as he collided with Miller and the ball slipped away from his hands. With Maluweng still on the ground, looking for the ball and Guam midfielder Jude Bischoff a few steps late for a rescue, Miller found himself alone in the center and kicked the ball in.

The remaining minutes after Miller's goal were scary for the CNMI, as it repeatedly tried to foil Guam's attempts to equalize, until Cunliffe found one small opening on the host's defense to save the day for the visitors.

After Cunliffe's goal, the CNMI was left with limited options on offense, as Miller was already on the bench. Miller was injured and was pulled out of the match several minutes after he scored.

The CNMI had three more casualties due to the intense game, which saw a lot of shoving and accidental collisions. First to go out was Edwin Cruz, who fell on the ground after banging against a Guam defender. Next was Peter Houk, who also collided with a Guam defender in the second half. Houk and Cruz both went out of the game in a stretcher, but managed to go home in one piece. Midfielder Gilmark Reusora left the game midway in the second half limping, as he rammed into Maluweng while trying to recover a loose ball near the goal box.

As the game ended in draw, the CNMI was without its four starters, while Guam had two players forced to sit on the bench due to injuries.

"Injury definitely took its toll on us. We're just a few minutes away from victory, but unfortunately, Guam had time to tie the game. Still, I believed we did a pretty good job tonight, as the players gave their all in the game. Maybe next time, we will finally catch them," CNMI captain Nick Swaim said.

"What you saw tonight was a high-level competition and we're just proud to give Guam a tough match, which something we always strive for every time we play against them," he added.

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ended in a 0-0 draw and the CNMI seemed to duplicate the 2008 feat when it put up a steady defense in the first half of last weekend's game.

Defender Amber Roberts did a great job chasing forward Kristin Thompson down the corner, while midfielder Natalie Hill gave up little room for Victoria Schimizu to operate from the opposite corner.

Defender Katie Peters and captain Karie Knight alternately hounded Guam midfielders Bamba and Simone Willter with the CNMI female strikers kicking the ball out on a couple of occasions.

Not to be outdone on defense was CNMI goalie Rebecca Newman, who kissed the ground several times, as she dove for the ball. Her last save with a few seconds left in the first half was a big one, as the ball almost rolled onto the right corner post when her quick hands fortunately stopped the leather.

With the CNMI's defense active in the first half, Guam, which dominated possession in the opening frame, walked back to its bench thinking what to do in the second half to get pass CNMI defenders.

"At the break, I told my players to be creative with our plays. One can't just make a shot, as two and sometimes three CNMI players were chasing our player on attack," Guam coach Cheri Stewart said.

"I also told our players to be quick in setting up our offense to elude those defenders chasing them," she added.

Bamba and Kristin Thompson responded to the instructions when they teamed up on the deciding play.

Thompson dribbled the ball toward her right just inside the penalty box, prompting Newman to lean to her right in case the Guam midfielder stopped and hit a cross kick.

However, Thompson decided to make a pass to Bamba, who was nearer to the goal box and then connected on a cross kick to the right, as Newman was already too late to return to her left and save the ball.

Bamba logged the goal in the 52th minute and Guam kept the lead and the win, as the CNMI focused too much on defense that it forgot it needed to set up offensive plays to equalize.

"I can't say anything more about the CNMI's defense. They've gone a long way since our first Marianas Cup. They were good on defense, frustrating our players and I just hope the next time we meet, they will work of their offense, too" Stewart said.

Despite the loss, Knight said her teammates went out fighting with their heads up.

"The losses we had against Guam were blowouts. We lost, 7-0 and 8-0 in the Marianas Cup and 5-1 in Taiwan. Now, we shut them out in the first half and almost forced a draw if not for that one goal from Rhoda. We fought a good fight and we're proud of it," Knight said.

## NETHERLANDS

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Wesley Sneijder scored in the 53rd minute as the Dutch finally broke down a stubborn Japanese defense in Durban.

"Why do we focus on good football instead of winning?" Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk said. "Let me assure you that we really, really want to win and if we can do that in style then great. But you have to be able to win ugly games."

In Pretoria, Denmark got goals from Nicklas Bendtner and Dennis Rommedahl to beat Cameroon. The win was enough to push the Dutch through to the knockout round, and make Cameroon the first team to be eliminated.

In between those two matches, 10-man Australia held on to earn a point in a 1-1 draw against Ghana.

Japan's stifling defense worked well against a Dutch team that has been expected to play an exciting brand at football at the tournament in South Africa. But Robin van Persie dropped a ball back to Sneijder, who sent a powerful shot past Japan goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima.

"We pressed in the second half and got a goal," Sneijder said. "This is the kind of game we maybe could have got two or three goals, but we won it and that's great."

The Netherlands reached the World Cup final in 1974 and 1978, but lost both times.

Argentina, which is in Group B, is the only other team in the tournament with six points from two matches, but the South Americans have yet to qualify for the next round.

Cameroon took the lead against the Danes at Loftus Versfeld when Samuel Eto'o scored his first goal of the tournament in the 10th minute after a mix-up in defense.

But Rommedahl found Bendtner rushing toward the goal in the 33rd, and the Denmark striker scored with his right foot. In the 61st, Rommedahl ran down the right and beat Jean Makoun before shooting past Cameroon goalkeeper Hamidou Souleymanou.

Despite the win, Denmark coach Morten Olsen was less than impressed with his team's performance.

"We had far too many elementary mistakes and we can't allow that," he said. "We must correct that ... if we are to progress in this tournament."

However he hailed the performance as a "heroic physical effort" especially as the team has been plagued by injuries.

Cameroon coach Paul Le Guen said he would not resign despite his team becoming the first to be eliminated from calculations for the second round.

"It is doubtless a serious disappointment for us and Cameroonian nation as a whole," Le Guen said.

Australia hung on for a 1-1 draw against Ghana despite playing a man down for the final 70 minutes.

The Socceroos took the lead in Rustenburg when Brett Holman knocked in a rebound from a goalkeeping error in the 11th minute, but Australia striker Harry Kewell was shown a straight red card in the 24th for using an arm to stop a goal-bound shot. Asamoah Gyan converted the resulting penalty.

"It was definitely not a red card," Australia coach Pim Verbeek said. "What can you do with your arm? You can't cut it off."

Ghana now leads Group D with four points, followed by Germany and Serbia with three each. Australia is last with one point but still retains hope of a berth in the round of 16.

Also, France striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home from the World Cup for insulting coach Raymond Domenech during a team talk.

The French football federation said Saturday that the Chelsea striker was thrown out for refusing to publicly apologize to Domenech.

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In sudden death, Palacios ultimately defeated Alverez by two points with a double leg take down. Sudden death is when two competitors finish out the five-minute regulation period in a tie where after the first point conversion wins.

In a very tough bronze medal match between Guam's Tory Mayberry and Saipan's Tavita Lueta, the former showcased his superior skills to defeat the latter by points.

The super lightweight division was the biggest class with 10 competitors fighting for the top spot.

In the gold medal bout, brothers Shane and Alverick Alvarez battled it out for the right to be called "King of the Mat."

In this match up, the younger Shane took the glory when he beat his brother via verbal tap out for the gold medal.

The bronze medal match between Saipan's Derick Rangamar and Guam's Tory Mayberry was also very exciting. In another very close sudden death match, Rangamar edged out Mayberry in points, 4-2.

Fighting in back-to-back matches, Shane Alvarez was then put to the test against another Trench Tech teammate, Fasi "Quick Draw" Jesse, for the lightweight gold medal. This time Shane eventually bowed out to an arm-bar submission and suffered his only loss in the competition.

Representing both team Zeng Zung and Trench Tech, Tinian's Conrad "The Mangler" Manglona challenged Marianas Elite's Maitai "The Charger" Charley in the bronze medal match. In only his second Art of War appearance, Manglona took the bronze medal by points.

The welterweight division included international competitors from Abu Dhabi, Guam, Kosrae, Korea and the CNMI.

Abu Dhabi's, Ricki Rout, who is currently training out of Trench Tech Saipan, went undefeated the whole day. Rout beat Kosrae's Salik Ittu in the first match, then Korea's Rye Kim in the second before finally edging out Saipan's Fasi Jesse for the gold in sudden death.

Guam's Jake Palacios then defeated South Korea's Rye Kim by a huge 12-2 point margin for the bronze medal.

The middleweight division was made up of only three competitors. Jose Mafnas went undefeated and out grappled Lionel Borja and Ron Chisato. Chisato then went on to defeat Borja.

Finally in the heavyweight division, Marianas Elite's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial easily defeated Trench Tech's Jose Mafnas and Ton "Shnyaa" Sablan on his way to another gold medal.

Sablan managed to get the silver despite an injured left shoulder and Mafnas edged out Guam's Tom Castro with a Kimura submission for the bronze.

"All in all it was a great turnout and Trench Tech wishes to thank all of the competitors and fans for their support. Also much thanks to the entire group of major sponsors for their contributions, namely Miller-Lite, Docomo Pacific, Budget Rent-A-Car, Aquarius Beach Tower, Saipan Grand Hotel, DPH Flu-Watch, Hagu Next and FOKAI Industries," said Art of War 5 promoter and Trench Tech Purebred Gym owner Cuki Alvarez.

He also invited mixed martial arts fans to watch Rites Of Passage 9: Indestructible set for July 30, 2010 at the Saipan World Resort.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 42 | 26 | .618 | – |
| Tampa Bay | 42 | 26 | .618 | – |
| Boston | 42 | 28 | .600 | 1 |
| Toronto | 38 | 31 | .551 | 4 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 19 | 49 | .279 | 23 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 39 | 29 | .574 | – |
| Detroit | 37 | 30 | .552 | 1 1/2 |
| Chicago | 33 | 34 | .493 | 5 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 29 | 40 | .420 | 10 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 26 | 41 | .388 | 12 1/2 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 40 | 28 | .588 | – |
| Los Angeles | 39 | 32 | .549 | 2 1/2 |
| Oakland | 33 | 37 | .471 | 8 |
| Seattle | 27 | 41 | .397 | 13 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 41 | 28 | .594 | – |
| New York | 39 | 29 | .574 | 1 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 35 | 31 | .530 | 4 1/2 |
| Florida | 32 | 36 | .471 | 8 1/2 |
| Washington | 31 | 38 | .449 | 10 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 38 | 30 | .559 | – |
| Cincinnati | 37 | 32 | .536 | 1 1/2 |
| Chicago | 30 | 38 | .441 | 8 |
| Milwaukee | 28 | 40 | .412 | 10 |
| Houston | 26 | 43 | .377 | 12 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 24 | 44 | .353 | 14 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 39 | 29 | .574 | – |
| Los Angeles | 38 | 30 | .559 | 1 |
| San Francisco | 37 | 30 | .552 | 1 1/2 |
| Colorado | 36 | 32 | .529 | 3 |
| Arizona | 27 | 42 | .391 | 12 1/2 |

**Yesterday's Games**

L.A. Angels 12, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Toronto 3, San Francisco 0
Chicago White Sox 1, Washington 0
Boston 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Minnesota 13, Philadelphia 10, 11 innings
Arizona 6, Detroit 5
Pittsburgh 6, Cleveland 4
Texas 5, Houston 1
Atlanta 5, Kansas City 4
Tampa Bay 9, Florida 8, 11 innings
St. Louis 4, Oakland 3
Colorado 8, Milwaukee 7
Baltimore 5, San Diego 4
Seattle 5, Cincinnati 1

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# Weekend Sports

## Young and old share spotlight

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CNMI youth tennis was at its best last week when the Commonwealth's junior netters dominated the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tournament.

The CNMI outclassed players from the Federated States of Micronesian, Palau, and Guam, when the hosts claimed the most slots on the North Pacific team. Out of the 18 North Pacific berths, coach Jeff Race wards got nine. Guam had five, and Palau and FSM nailed two each.

Making it on the North Team and earning tickets to the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji were Thea Minor, Rafael Jones, Christian Miller, Jake Lee, Mikayla Lopez, Melody Johnson, Chris Cajigan, Carl Dela Cruz, and Negahr Rastguiy. Minor ruled the girls U18, while Miller topped the boys' U14 age group.

While youth netters took center stage at the various tennis courts on Saipan, the CNMI's old timers had their moments at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium when the 2010 MGD/MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League held its title game.

Pool A champion IT&E took on Pool B pennant winner Easy Does It with the former prevailing via a 77-70 title win.

Still in basketball, the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League kicked off last week with nine participating teams; Becks 670 , Bacardi Mojito Hi-5, Bud Ice Rollers, Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces, Budweiser Saints, Hoegaarden IT&E, Bud Light CNMI Nationals, Michelob Ultra Sixers, and the O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels.

The league played four games with Becks 670, Bud Light Lime, Hoegaarden IT&E, and Bud Light CNMI Nationals making it to the winning column early.

Other leagues on Saipan—the UBA youth caging and Miller Lite—continued with their regular season games.

While a new season for the Budweiser caging had opened last week another Budweiser-supported event—the Chamolinian softball league—had concluded its competition.

Natibu and Man Amigos figured in the season-ending finals with the former winning, 20-18. Natibu was also the league's pennant champion.

In baseball, the Saipan All-Stars rosters for the 2010 CNMI District Meet was announced, along with the names of 11 youth sluggers who will go to the Baseball Confederation of Oceania-Regional Training Center clinic in Guam from June 17 to June 28.

The Guam-bound campers are Cedric Ada, Frankie Camacho, Jonah Flores, Henry Rabauliman, Jeremy Rabauliman, Justin Reyes, Ian Rogolofoi, David Hosono, Arthur Jebehn, Keoni Lizama , Benny Cepeda, and Tyler Flores.

In golf, IT&E regional manager for costumer service Darrell Fair prevailed over 59 other golfers in the 112th Philippine Independence Open Golf Tournament at Coral Ocean Point.

Fair carded a net 72.6 in the Fil-Taga Golfers Association-organized tournament, giving him the top purse of $800 and a championship trophy.

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Seven players from the Saipan Little League Junior Division, three from the Senior Division, and one Big Leaguer will be participating in the 2010 Regional Training Center to be held in Guam from June 17 to June 28, 2010.

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Game officials pose for a group photo before the opening game for the Budweiser caging kicked off last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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IT&E's Ernie Fernandez pulls up for a jumper against Easy Does It's Dennis Reyes during their title game in the Masters caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Eventual champion Darrell Fair, center, poses with Fil-Taga's Mando Guban and Absalon Waki during the 112th Philippine Independence Open Golf Tournament at the Coral Ocean Point.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Grillin's Lerio Pagarao, right, tries to dribble out of the defense of Trinity's Jude Loste during their game in the Miller Lite caging at the Gualo Rai basketball court last week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Christian Miller goes for a backhand return in his pool play U14 game against Guam's Joshua Cepeda at the American Memorial Park tennis courts during the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tennis tournament last week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Natibu players pose with their trophies and supporters after beating Man Amigos in the Chamolinian softball league finals last week at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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# Marianas Cup ends in 1-1 draw

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Almost, but not quite. The CNMI Men's National Football Team was poised to pull off an upset over rival Guam when Jason Ryan Cunliffe scored a late goal, forcing the two neighbors to share honors in the 4th Annual Marianas Football Cup as the Saturday match at the Oleai Sports Complex Field ended in a 1-1 draw.

The host smelled blood when forward Joe Miller found the back of the net in the 68th minute, giving the CNMI a 1-0 lead.

All the Commonwealth's strikers needed to do was play tough defense and frustrate the visitors' attackers. CNMI goalie Chris Nelson and company did just that for nearly 20 minutes after Miller's goal until Cunliffe found one small lapse on the host's defense.

Guam swung the ball to the

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The CNMI's Jason Schroeder, right, and Guam's Ian Mariano go for a header during their game in the 4th Annual Marianas Football Cup last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.
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## Guam wins women's game, 1-0

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Guam Women's National Team had to be creative with its shots to eke out a 1-0 win over the CNMI Women's National Team in the 4th Annual Marianas Cup last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Captain Rhoda Bamba delivered the winning goal in the second half to give Guam its third Marianas Cup. Guam won the inaugural staging of the annual event in 2007 and shut out the CNMI, 7-0. Last year, Guam had another shutout win, 8-0.

The second edition of the Marianas Cup held on Saipan

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Katie Peters, left, and Guam's Rhoda Bamba, center, get tangled up while battling for the ball, while CNMI's Lindsay Davis looks on during their game in the 4th Annual Marianas Football Cup last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Guam won, 1-0.

## Netherlands beats Japan, qualifies for round of 16

AP
Japan's Yuji Nakazawa, left, competes for the ball with Netherlands' Wesley Sneijder, right, during the World Cup group E soccer match between the Netherlands and Japan at the stadium in Durban, South Africa, Saturday, June 19, 2010.

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**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)— The Netherlands became the first team to qualify for the round of 16 at the World Cup, beating Japan 1-0 Saturday and then watching Denmark defeat Cameroon 2-1.

The two-time World Cup finalists, who also became the first European team to earn six points from its first two games at this year's tournament, dictated play but still did not display the kind of fluid football that fans have been expecting to see.

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## Trench Tech dominates Art of War 5

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Trench Tech fighters took home gold medals in five of the seven weight classes in last Saturday's Art Of War 5.

The "No Gi" grappling and submission challenge at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium featured fighters from the CNMI, Guam, Korea, Abu Dhabi, and Kosrae.

In addition to the gold medals, the Trench Tech family also won five silver and three bronze medals and swept the entire lightweight class.

In the bantamweight division five competitors battled for the gold with Guam's Shane Aguon winning all his matches by points, default, due to fighter no show, and submissions.

In the featherweight division, eight combatants battled with Trench Tech's "Badd" Brad Palacios, who went undefeated in three matches before he went up against the only other undefeated fighter in the final match, his teammate Alverick "Pretty Boy" Alvarez.

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Art of War 5 combatants pose for a group photo inside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium following the competition last Saturday.